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SUPERGIRL

PART 1

PEOPLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS... I, SUPERMAN, HAVE BEEN HELPED, FOR YEARS, BY MY SECRET "EMERGENCY WEAPON"... SUPERGIRL!

THIS IS A PREVIEW OF THE TAPED PROGRAM I'LL SHOW ON TELEVISION LATER TODAY, SUPERGIRL! IT WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD!

GASP!... OH-HH... THIS WILL BE THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE! AT LAST MY EXISTENCE ON EARTH WILL BE REVEALED! THANKS, SUPERMAN!

WHEN **SUPERGIRL** FIRST CAME TO EARTH, THE VERY EXISTENCE OF A SUPER-POWERFUL **MAID OF STEEL** WAS A CLOSELY-GUARDED SECRET! IN HER OTHER IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE, SHE LIVED AT **MIDVALE ORPHANAGE**... AND AVOIDED BEING ADOPTED, FOR FEAR HER FOSTER PARENTS WOULD DISCOVER SHE HAD SUPER-ABILITIES. HOW THIS ALL CHANGED... HOW LINDA WAS ADOPTED... AND HOW **SUPERGIRL'S** EXISTENCE WAS REVEALED TO THE WORLD... WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE **LONGEST** NOVEL **DC** EVER PRINTED... AN EPIC WHICH WAS SERIALIZED IN EIGHT SUCCESSIVE ISSUES OF **ACTION**! THIS IS THAT STORY...

The UNKNOWN SUPERGIRL!

AT DAWN, ONE MORNING, AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE AWAKENS IN HER ROOM AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...

I'M SO EXCITED. TODAY'S CARNIVAL DAY AT THE ORPHANGE!

BUT AS SHE GLANCES THROUGH A WINDOW...

DURING THE NIGHT, A WINDSTORM UPSET EVERYTHING! THE DECORATIONS AND LANTERN DISPLAYS ARE...RUINED!

LINDA DRESSES, THEN...

MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS EVERYONE IN THE ORPHANAGE IS ASLEEP! I'LL RAPIDLY FIX THINGS, UNSEEN!

SPEEDILY, SHE STRINGS UP THE LANTERNS AGAIN AND RAISES TOPPLED BOOTHS...

OH-OH! THE STORM DESTROYED THE MINIATURE CITY THE CHILDREN BUILT OUT OF WOODEN BLOCKS, TRIANGLES, PILLARS, AND ARCHES! WHAT A SHAME!

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SUPER-SWIFTLY, LINDA ACCURATELY RECONSTRUCTS THE MINIATURE CITY EXHIBIT, GUIDED BY HER PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY...

FINISHED!...UH-OH! I HEAR SOMEONE MOVING BEHIND ME! I'VE BEEN **SEEN** PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS!...GULP! ...I-I'VE BROKEN MY PROMISE TO MY COUSIN **SUPERMAN** TO **NEVER** LET ANYONE LEARN THAT I AM A... **SUPERGIRL!!**

BUT... OH, IT'S ONLY YOU, KRYPTO ...BRINGING ME A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MASTER SUPERMAN!

WHEW! THEN MY SECRET'S STILL SAFE!

AND AS SHE REMOVES THE MESSAGE FROM THE CAPSULE...

HMMM... SUPERMAN WANTS ME TO FOLLOW KRYPTO TO HIM! OKAY... WILL DO... RIGHT AFTER I DESTROY THE MESSAGE AND CAPSULE WITH MY HEAT VISION...

AS LINDA SWITCHES TO HER IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL...

NOW TO ACTIVATE THE MOTOR OF MY LINDA-ROBOT WITH MY X-RAY VISION! IT'LL REPLACE ME AT THE ORPHANAGE, WHILE I'M GONE!

OBEDIENTLY, THE ROBOT EMERGES FROM A HOLLOW TREE IN A NEARBY WOODS...

HOW LUCKY I AM THAT SUPERMAN GAVE ME THIS ROBOT! IT HAS ALL MY POWERS, JUST LIKE SUPERMAN'S ROBOTS HAVE HIS SUPER POWERS!

DO NOT WORRY, SUPERGIRL! NO ONE AT THE ORPHANAGE WILL SUSPECT I AM ONLY A ROBOT!

AFTER KRYPTO LEADS THE GIRL OF STEEL, UNTIL THEY COME TO A SMALL ISLE...

HI, SUPERMAN! WHAT'S UP?

I'VE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, SUPERGIRL!

YIP, YIP!

YOU'VE DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB AS MY SECRET EMERGENCY-WEAPON, I'VE DECIDED YOU'RE NOW READY TO OPERATE OPENLY! YOU RICHLY DESERVE FAME AND GLORY ON EARTH FOR YOUR FINE FEATS!

¡GASP!¿...OH, HOW... WONDERFUL!!

IN THE PAST, MY ROBOTS SECRETLY PHOTOGRAPHED US WHILE WE WERE BOTH IN ACTION! I'VE PREPARED A SPECIAL, TAPED SHOW OF OUR EXPLOITS TOGETHER FROM THEIR FILMS TO BE TELECAST ON TV WHEN I ANNOUNCE YOUR EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD!

AND AS SUPERMAN PREVIEWS THE TAPE FOR SUPERGIRL ON A LARGE TV MONITOR...

PEOPLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS! I, SUPERMAN, HAVE A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT! FOR YEARS, THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER SUPER-BEING BESIDES MYSELF ON EARTH...

AS SUPERMAN'S VOICE NARRATES, ON THE TAPE...

...A TEEN-AGED SUPERGIRL...AND SHE'S OPERATED SECRETLY, AS MY EMERGENCY-WEAPON! HERE YOU SEE HER RESCUING A BURNING SHIP UNSEEN BY THOSE ON THE IMPERILED VESSEL...

AFTER THE TAPE REVEALS MANY OF SUPERGIRL'S FEATS...

AT LAST, SHE'S READY TO BE REVEALED! PROUDLY, I PRESENT... SUPERGIRL!

THEN THE TAPE STOPS, AND I'LL INTRODUCE YOU IN PERSON TO THE TV AUDIENCE!

HOW... THRILLING!

I'LL ARRANGE FOR OUR TV APPEARANCE AS SOON AS I COME BACK FROM A MISSION TO ANOTHER DIMENSION. NOW, PRESS THE BUTTON THAT WILL PROJECT KRYPTO AND ME THERE! WE'LL RETURN AFTER A WHILE...

AS THE GIRL OF STEEL OBEYS...

I'LL REMAIN HERE! HURRY BACK, SOON!

I'M SO HAPPY! I--I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR SUPERMAN TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT!

TO PASS THE TIME, SUPERGIRL LOOKS TOWARD OUTER SPACE...

I'LL WATCH SOME UNUSUAL SCENES ON THE OTHER WORLDS WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION... ULP!!

OH, MY GOODNESS! A--A RING OF KRYPTONITE DUST IS DRIFTING IN FROM OUTER SPACE, ALL AROUND EARTH! ALREADY I-I'M BEGINNING TO F-FEEL WEAKENED... PAINED! THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS CAN... KILL ME...!

M-MY VISION'S BLURRING! THE PAINS ARE... INCREASING! I-I'M TOO WEAK TO ESCAPE INTO SPACE! I'LL DIVE INTO THE SEA...

DOWN INTO THE BRINY DEEP SHE SINKS, THEN ARMS SUDDENLY SEIZE HER AND...

SOMEONE... OR SOMETHING... IS PULLING ME DOWN! THE PAINS ARE LESSENING AND MY VISION IS B-BEGINNING TO... CLEAR...!

SHORTLY, SHE SEES...

MY RESCUER IS JERRO, THE TEEN-AGED MERMAN FROM ATLANTIS I'VE MET BEFORE, AND HAVE A CRUSH ON! LIKE ALL PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS, HE HAS TELEPATHIC POWERS AND CAN READ, AND TRANSMIT, THOUGHTS!

I LEARNED OF YOUR DANGER...

...WHILE MIND-READING YOUR THOUGHTS, SUPER-GIRL! YOU'LL BE OUT OF RANGE FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE KRYPTONITE RING, AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN UNDERSEAS! WELCOME AGAIN TO ATLANTIS! LORI LEMARIS IS WAITING TO SEE YOU...

SHORTLY, IN THE ATLANTEAN HOME OF MERMAID LORI LEMARIS...

HOW IS SUPERMAN? I KNEW HIM WELL...

VERY WELL! THEY WERE SWEETHEARTS, YEARS AGO, BUT SHE TURNED DOWN HIS PROPOSAL AND MARRIED MERMAN RONAL!

RONAL

MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE-WORLD, A FAMED ASTRONOMER ANNOUNCES OVER TELEVISION...

A RING OF KRYPTONITE DUST NOW SURROUNDS EARTH! UNLESS SUPERMAN IS IN SOME LEAD-LINED SHELTER, ITS RADIATIONS HAVE EITHER SLAIN HIM...

CBI

SATURN

EARTH

...OR FORCED HIM TO FLEE, PERHAPS TO ANOTHER WORLD!

HOW... TERRIBLE!

WHAT A CALAMITY!

BUT THOUGH LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS EVERYWHERE ARE SHOCKED, CRIMINALS REJOICE...

HEY! DIDJA HEAR THAT, "TOUGH TOMMY"?

HA, HA! WITHOUT SUPERMAN AROUND, US AND THE OTHER MOBS WILL RUN WILD!! WILD!!!

MEANWHILE, TO DISTRACT THE GIRL OF STEEL'S MIND FROM HER DILEMMA, JERRO SHOWS HER STRANGE ATLANTEAN SIGHTS...

UNDERSEA PYRAMIDS... HONORING OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS WHO LIVED ON THE SURFACE WORLD BEFORE OUR CONTINENT SANK BENEATH THE WAVES!

WHAT A FANTASTIC SIGHT!

LORI CALLING SUPERGIRL! RETURN TO ME AT ONCE! IT'S URGENT!

SOON...

DREADFUL NEWS! OUR ATLANTIS OBSERVATION SQUAD HAS JUST LEARNED THAT CROOKS ALL OVER THE WORLD, BELIEVING THEY'RE NOW SAFE FROM INTERFERENCE BY SUPERMAN, HAVE LAUNCHED A GREAT CRIME-SPREE!

I'LL INVESTIGATE WITH MY SUPER-VISION!

WHAT SUPERGIRL SIGHTS ON THE SURFACE-WORLD...

AQUALAND

SEE THE TRAINED FISHES

SEE A GENUINE PIRATE TREASURE ON A REAL Pirate Ship ADMISSION 50¢

HA, HA! THIS PIRATE-TREASURE WE STOLE IS WORTH A FORTUNE, TOUGH TOMMY!

BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...

AWK! WE'RE CUT OFF BY POLICE-CARS!

DON'T WORRY! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PRESS THIS BUTTON ON THE DASHBOARD, AND STEP ON THE GAS!

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JONAH'S WHALE

EXIT 1

NEXT MOMENT, OUT OF THE GETAWAY CAR'S EXHAUST PIPE POURS...

A SMOKE-SCREEN!

;COUGH, COUGH!;...I CAN'T...SEE THE CROOKS!..

;COUGH!;...WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS, WE'LL GRAB 'EM!

BUT MINUTES LATER, AS THE SMOKE DRIFTS OFF..

HUH? WHERE'D THEY GO? THEIR GETAWAY CAR IS STILL HERE, BUT THEY AREN'T!

AND THEY DIDN'T RUN OUT OF THE SMOKE, EITHER!...??

HER X-RAY VISION REVEALS THE ANSWER TO SUPERGIRL...

THE GANGSTERS HAVE HIDDEN, WITH THEIR LOOT, INSIDE THAT FAKE WHALE! THEY'LL SNEAK OUT AFTER THE POLICE LEAVE! THEIR LEADER MUST HAVE PLANNED THIS STRATEGY IN ADVANCE!

A MOMENT LATER, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN...

THE LUMBER FROM THIS SUNKEN SHIP WILL MAKE A SPLENDID SUPER-FISHING-POLE! THE ANCHOR, AND THESE ANCHOR-CHAINS, WILL COME IN HANDY, TOO!

THEN, SHE RAISES THE COLOSSAL POLE, AND...

I CAN STILL BATTLE SURFACE-WORLD CRIME WHILE HIDING FROM KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS BENEATH THE SEA!--HERE GOES...

SHORTLY...

;GASP!: THAT ANCHOR "HOOK," ATTACHED TO THE HUGE, CHAIN-LINK "FISHING-LINE," FLASHED DOWN AND SNAGGED THE FAKE WHALE'S MOUTH!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!!

AS THE DISTANT SUPERGIRL YANKS ON THE TITANIC FISHING POLE...

YAA-AAA!

SO THAT'S WHERE YOU CROOKS HID!

HELP!

RAISE THOSE HANDS!

I GET IT! SUPERMAN'S ALIVE AND HIDING UNDER THE OCEAN TO ESCAPE THE KRYPTONITE RING'S RADIATIONS!

THOUGH TRAPPED UNDER THE SEA, HE'S USING HIS WITS AND SUPER-POWERS TO FIGHT CRIME! SWELL!

BAH!

MEANWHILE, IN ATLANTIS...

THEY'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR SUPERMAN! UH-OH! MY SUPER-VISION DISCLOSES ANOTHER JOB FOR...SUPERGIRL!

ON THE SURFACE OF METROPOLIS BAY, IN THE MIDST OF A THICKENING FOG, SHE SEES...

SMUGGLERS, ESCAPING FROM A PURSUING COASTGUARD SHIP! HM-MMM! I'M GETTING AN IDEA!

BENEATH THE SEA...

THIS FIGUREHEAD OFF AN ANCIENT SHIP WILL DO QUITE NICELY...!

I'VE READ YOUR MIND, SUPERGIRL! WHAT A CLEVER PLAN!

HA, HA! IT CERTAINLY IS!

UP SOARS THE GROTESQUE WOODEN FIGUREHEAD, EXPERTLY HURLED BY THE GIRL OF STEEL, AND A MOMENT LATER...

WE'RE LOSING THE COASTGUARD... GAAA-AA! A SEA M-MONSTER!

WE GOTTA TURN BACK, BEFORE IT GETS US!!

AND AS THE SMUGGLERS COME WITHIN RANGE OF THE PURSUING SHIP'S WEAPONS...

YOU ALMOST GOT AWAY! WHAT MADE YOU COME BACK?

THE DEMON FROM THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS...!

WHEN THE COASTGUARD VESSEL INVESTIGATES...

AWP! IT'S ONLY A FIGUREHEAD OFF AN ANCIENT SHIP! WE PANICKED LIKE DUMMIES!

SUPERMAN PROBABLY TOSSED IT UP FROM THE OCEAN'S FLOOR, SO YOU'D TURN BACK AND BE CAPTURED!--¡CHUCKLE!¡

SWIFTLY, THE NEWS FLASHES ABOUT THE WORLD THAT SUPERMAN IS APPARENTLY FIGHTING CRIME FROM UNDERSEAS, AND IN RESPONSE, MESSAGE-MISSILES ARE FIRED INTO THE OCEAN FROM MANY NATIONS...

SOON, IN ATLANTIS, THE GIRL OF STEEL'S X-RAY VISION SEES...

DESPERATE APPEALS, INSIDE THOSE MISSILES!

HELP, SUPERMAN! INSPECTOR HALORAN, SCOTLAND YARD LONDON, ENGLAND

WE URGENTLY NEED AID, SUPERMAN!-- COMMANDING OFFICER SUMMERS, CANADIAN ROYAL MOUNTED POLICE

OH, DEAR! CITIES AND COUNTRIES EVERYWHERE ALL WANT SUPERMAN TO FIGHT THE CRIME-WAVES ENGULFING THEM! GOODNESS, I CAN'T POSSIBLY HANDLE ALL THESE REQUESTS!

SIGHTING A NEARBY EMERGENCY WITH HER SUPER-VISION, SUPERGIRL USES MORE LUMBER FROM WRECKED SHIPS TO BUILD...

A GIANT WATER-GUN! THESE HARPOONS FROM A SUNKEN WHALER WILL DO NICELY, TOO!

SECONDS LATER, AS SHE PUFFS INTO THE GIGANTIC WEAPON...

THERE GO THE HARPOONS! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THEIR TRAJECTORY SHOULD LAND THEM DIRECTLY ON TARGET!

VERY SHORTLY, OUTSIDE A PRISON...

PRISON ENTRANCE

¡GASP!: THOSE HARPOONS HAVE DESTROYED THE ESCAPING CONVICTS' GETAWAY CARS!

BLAST SUPERMAN! WHY DON'T HE MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS, DOWN THERE UNDER THE SEA?!

MOMENTS LATER, THE GIRL OF STEEL'S TELESCOPIC VISION SEES...

THE KRYPTONITE RING IS FLOATING AWAY FROM EARTH! IT'S NOW SAFE FOR ME TO RETURN TO THE SURFACE-WORLD! HOORAY!

GOODBYE, JERRO AND LORI! IT WAS WONDERFUL SEEING YOU!

COME AGAIN... SOON! I'LL BE MISSING YOU!

AND I'LL MISS YOU, TOO!...FAREWELL!

PRESENTLY, ON THE ISLE...

I FEEL GREAT, NOW THAT THE KRYPTONITE MENACE IS GONE!... SUPERMAN AND KRYPTO SHOULD RETURN SOON!...GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD! I'LL PROBABLY BE APPLAUDED EVERYWHERE! -GEE!

AND AS THE DIMENSION-MECHANISM AUTOMATICALLY RETURNS THE TWO SUPER-VOYAGERS TO OUR WORLD...

GLAD TO BE BACK!

SO AM I! NOW TO SEARCH FOR A JUICY, TASTY BONE! -- ¡SLURP!:

ZAPPP!

AFTER SUPERMAN LEARNS HOW SUPERGIRL HAD FOUGHT CRIME ON THE UPPER WORLD FROM THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS...

YOU DID FINE, SUPERGIRL! NOW LET'S FLY TO THE TELEVISION STATION! YOU REMAIN IN HIDING WHILE I ARRANGE FOR THE INTRODUCTORY TAPE TO BE RUN OFF!

SOON, AT THE TV STATION...

YOU'VE PREPARED A SPECIAL SURPRISE PROGRAM OF WORLD-WIDE IMPORTANCE? WE'LL SCHEDULE IT IMMEDIATELY, SUPERMAN, AND RUN IT ON THE NETWORK!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! WITH SUPERGIRL!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

QUICKLY, SUPERMAN JOINS SUPERGIRL, WHO IS HIDING BEHIND THE STATION'S BUILDING...

LET'S GO, SUPERGIRL! WE'LL FLY IN THROUGH THE STUDIO'S OPEN WINDOW, TOGETHER!

;GASP!... WAIT, SUPERMAN...??! I-I CAN'T FLY! I NO LONGER FEEL SUPER!!

CANCELLING THE TELECAST, SUPERMAN SWIFTLY FLIES THE EX-GIRL OF STEEL TO HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, WHERE...

IT'S...TRUE! THESE INSTRUMENTS REVEAL YOU'VE PERMANENTLY LOST YOUR SUPER-POWERS! WHATEVER CAUSED THIS TRAGIC CONDITION--I...DON'T KNOW... AND IT WASN'T CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH ONLY HAS TEMPORARY EFFECTS...

OH, NO!-- ;SOB!;

;SOB!;...WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME J-JUST WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO REVEAL MY EXISTENCE AS SUPERGIRL TO THE WORLD?;SOB!;

I HATE WHAT I MUST NOW SAY...

MY DEAR SUPERGIRL, THOUGH YOU EARNED THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC RECOGNITION--I CAN'T ANNOUNCE YOU'RE A SUPERGIRL IF YOU AREN'T ONE ANY MORE!...COME! I'LL RETURN YOU TO MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...

;CHOKE... I'M... READY...;SOB!;

SHORTLY, AS HE FLIES SUPERGIRL NEAR THE ORPHANAGE, SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION SIGNALS THE LINDA ROBOT TO RETURN TO THE HOLLOW TREE...

I... WON'T HAVE MUCH USE FOR THIS COSTUME-- OR MY ROBOT-- ANY MORE -- ;CHOKE!:

MAYBE YOUR LOSS OF SUPER-POWERS WON'T REALLY BE PERMANENT! I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO TRY AND RESTORE YOUR POWERS!

SUPERMAN'S TRYING TO CHEER ME, BUT-- I SENSE THINGS WILL BE... DIFFERENT... FROM NOW ON...

OOOO

CHANGING TO HER OTHER-IDENTITY, LINDA RETURNS TO HER ORPHANAGE ROOM...

CRYING WON'T HELP! I... MUST FACE REALITY!-- SINCE I DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS, THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON WHY I SHOULD AVOID ADOPTION...

OOO

THERE'S A WHOLE NEW LIFE AHEAD OF ME-- WITH MANY, MANY CHANGES!... WILL I ALWAYS REMAIN NON-SUPER?... WILL THE FUTURE BRING ME HAPPINESS-- OR HEARTBREAK?... WHAT CAUSED THIS AMAZING LOSS OF POWERS?

WE DEFY YOU TO GUESS THE ASTOUNDING ANSWER!!--SEE PART TWO FOR THE GREATEST SURPRISE IN THE HISTORY OF COMICS!!!

Steve Ditko... LIKE LIGHTNING STRIKES AGAIN!

THE HAWK AND THE DOVE

COMING SOON

PART TWO: "SUPERGIRL'S SECRET ENEMY!"

YES, INCREDIBLY, LINDA LEE, WHO CAME FROM **KRYPTON**, IS NOW JUST AN ORDINARY UN-SUPER EARTHGIRL! FOR THE ASTOUNDING ANSWER AS TO HOW THIS STUNNING TRAGEDY CAME ABOUT, LET'S LOOK IN AT **SUPERMAN'S** SECRET ARCTIC **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...**

INSIDE THE FORTRESS IS THE CITY OF **KANDOR** WHICH WAS STOLEN OFF THE PLANET **KRYPTON** MANY YEARS AGO, AND REDUCED TO MINIATURE SIZE INSIDE A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE VILLAIN, **BRAINIAC**, BEFORE **KRYPTON** EXPLODED...

AND NOW LET'S WITNESS A SCENE INSIDE A KANDORIAN LABORATORY, WHICH OCCURRED A SHORT TIME AGO...

THERE'S **SUPERGIRL** FIGHTING SURFACE-WORLD CRIME WHILE A **KRYPTONITE** DUST RING ENCIRCLING EARTH FORCES HER TO BE EXILED IN UNDERSEA ATLANTIS!

EARTH VIEWER

I ENVY AND HATE HER! THE HONORS THAT I, **LESLA-LAR**, HAVE EARNED IN **KANDOR** AS A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS ARE AS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE ACCLAIM THE PEOPLE OF EARTH WILL GIVE **SUPERGIRL** WHEN THEY LEARN OF HER EXISTENCE!

NEXT, **LESLA-LAR** HAD AIMED A STRANGE, **KRYPTONITE**-TINGED RAY ON **SUPERGIRL**, SO THAT...

OH, NO! I CAN'T FLY, **SUPERMAN!** SOMEHOW, I'VE LOST ALL MY SUPER-POWERS!

YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART, YOU POOR THING! HA, HA! IF **SUPERGIRL** ONLY KNEW THAT THE RAY I INVENTED HAS ROBBED HER OF ALL HER POWERS!

BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! I'VE EVEN MORE UNPLEASANT SURPRISES UP MY SLEEVE FOR **SUPERGIRL!** BUT THEY'LL COME LATER, HA, HA, HA...!

AND NOW, OUR STORY RETURNS TO THE PRESENT, AS LINDA BRUSHES AWAY HER TEARS, AND...

I MUST FORGET YESTERDAY'S DREAMS...TOMORROW'S HOPES--AND LIVE FOR--;CHOKE; TODAY!

MINUTES LATER, REVIEWING A GROUP OF THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE CHILDREN, A CHILDLESS COUPLE, MR AND MRS. FRED DANVERS, TAKES A LIKING TO LINDA...

MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THIS YOUNG GIRL, LINDA LEE! WE'LL GIVE HER A WONDERFUL HOME!

ONCE, I'D HAVE AVOIDED ADOPTION BY USING A CLEVER SUPER-FEAT...!

BUT SINCE I'M NO LONGER **SUPERMAN'S** SECRET SUPER-HELPER, THERE'S NO REASON WHY I **SHOULDN'T** BE ADOPTED BY A NICE COUPLE! I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD DAUGHTER!

CONGRATULATIONS, LINDA!

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE!

HER ORPHAN FRIENDS GIVE LINDA A GOING-AWAY PARTY...

PLEASE COME AND SEE US OFTEN!

I WILL! I'LL NEVER, **NEVER** FORGET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! I LOVE YOU ALL!

WE'LL MISS YOU!

AFTERWARD, LINDA BIDS HER LINDA ROBOT A SAD FAREWELL...

GOODBYE, LINDA ROBOT! I'M AFRAID I WON'T HAVE ANY MORE USE FOR YOU!

SHOULD YOU EVER NEED ME, MISTRESS, I'LL BE HERE IN THIS HOLLOW TREE...WAITING!

AND SO, LINDA MOVES INTO A NEW HOME TOGETHER WITH HER PET CAT, **STREAKY**...

THESE NEW DRESSES ARE FOR YOU, HONEY! PLEASE CALL ME "MOM"!

;GASP; THEY'RE **BEAUTIFUL**, MOM! THANK YOU, TOO, DAD!

LINDA, ABOUT YOUR HAIR...ER...

YOU'RE TOO GROWN-UP TO WEAR PIG-TAILS ANY MORE! THAT'S STRICTLY KID STUFF, AND YOU'RE A LOVELY YOUNG LADY! TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO VISIT A BEAUTY PARLOR, AND THERE'LL BE SOME CHANGES MADE!

!

NEXT MORNING... LIKE IT? I DECIDED TO SURPRISE YOU AND DO MY HAIR MYSELF!

I **HAD** TO! A BEAUTICIAN WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED I WEAR A **WIG** OVER MY BLONDE HAIR!

IT'S DARLING!

GREAT, LINDA!

IN FACT, YOU LOOK **SUPER!**

STRANGE! SHE WINCED WHEN I SAID THAT! I SUSPECT SHE HAS SOME SORT OF SECRET SORROW! MAYBE SHE'LL TELL US ALL ABOUT IT, SOMEDAY!

;CHOKE!--I'M NOT SUPER--**ANY MORE!** ;CHOKE!

THAT NIGHT, AS LINDA GOES TO BED...

COUSIN **SUPERMAN**-- ;SOB!;

DON'T CRY, LINDA!--PLEASE DON'T!

I--I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN ME! . ;SOB;--I THOUGHT--

OF COURSE I HAVEN'T! I'LL KEEP EXPERIMENTING IN MY FORTRESS UNTIL I DISCOVER HOW TO PERMANENTLY-RETURN YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO YOU! MAYBE I CAN INVENT SOME SERUM THAT WILL WORK ON YOU!

SWIFTLY, **SUPERMAN** BUILDS A SECRET PANEL AT A SPEED FASTER THAN SOUND CAN TRAVEL...!

THERE, YOU CAN HIDE YOUR **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME IN THERE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SOUVENIRS OF YOUR... ER...FORMER CAREER! YOU MAY BE BACK IN ACTION SOONER THAN YOU THINK!...KEEP SMILING!

I'LL...TRY...

BUT AFTER THE **MAN OF STEEL** FLIES OFF...

I...I TRIED, BUT I **CAN'T** KEEP SMILING!--SOB!-- WILL I EVER GET MY SUPER-POWERS BACK?

I WONDER IF **I'LL** EVER GET MY **SUPER**-POWERS BACK, TOO? LIKE HERS, MY POWERS ARE **GONE!**

STREAKY'S PROSPECTS ARE BLEAK! IT WAS THE **X-KRYPTONITE** MARBLE INSIDE A BALL OF STRING IN THE CELLAR OF THE ORPHANAGE, WHICH GAVE HIM HIS ON-AND-OFF SUPER-POWERS. BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE THE STRING ANY MORE!!... ARE HIS **X-KRYPTONITE** SNIFFING DAYS ALSO GONE FOREVER??

SOON AFTERWARD, IN **LESLA-LAR**'S KANDOR'AN LABORATORY...

SHE'S SLEEPING NOW! LL FOCUS THE **TELEPORT RAY** I INVENTED UPON HER. AH. SHE'S SHRINKING AND...DISAPPEARING!--IN ANOTHER MOMENT, SHE'LL MATERIALIZE...**HERE!**

A SECOND LATER...

HERE SHE IS... AS I CALCULATED! SOUND ASLEEP, SHE'S UNAWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED! NOW TO PLACE THE **BRAIN-WASH HELMET** ON HER. IT WILL ERASE ALL HER FORMER MEMORIES AND ONLY PERMIT HER TO REMEMBER CERTAIN DETAILS ABOUT MY LIFE IN **KANDOR!**

DELIBERATELY, **LESLA-LAR** PLAYS A TAPE THAT SUPPLIES CERTAIN INFORMATION AND COMMANDS TO LINDA'S SLUMBERING MIND... WHEN SHE AWAKENS HERE, AND AS LONG AS SHE REMAINS IN **KANDOR,** SHE WILL **BELIEVE** HERSELF TO BE **ME!**

YOU ARE NO LONGER **SUPERGIRL**... YOU ARE **LESLA-LAR,** A GIRL SCIENTIST... YOU NEVER MET **SUPERMAN** OF EARTH--

EXCHANGING GARMENTS WITH LINDA, **LESLA-LAR** STEPS BEFORE HER **TELEPORT RAY...**

AH...I'M BEING MAGNIFIED AND PROJECTED TO EARTH! THE "REVERSE" BUTTON ON MY **TELEPORT-BRACELET** WILL RETURN ME WHENEVER I DESIRE! SHOULD I PRESS THE BRACELET'S OTHER BUTTON, LINDA WILL INSTANTLY TELEPORT BACK TO EARTH!

A SPLIT INSTANT AFTERWARD, AS SHE MATERIALIZES IN LINDA'S ROOM ON EARTH...

;CHUCKLE!! GREAT KRYPTON! UNDER EARTH'S GRAVITY CONDITIONS, I NOW HAVE SUPER-POWERS... AS I **KNEW** I WOULD!..

NEXT MORNING...

DID YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST, LINDA, DEAR?

YES, MOM!

HA, HA! MY DECEPTION IS WORKING. LITTLE DO THEY SUSPECT THAT THEIR "DAUGHTER" IS REALLY **LESLA-LAR** OF **KANDOR!**

AWAKENING IN **KANDOR**, AND BELIEVING HERSELF TO BE **LESLA-LAR**, THE REAL LINDA REPORTS TO WORK AT A GOVERNMENT LAB...

THE CHEMICALLY MANUFACTURED **TYRANO-SHARK CAPTURER** IS COMPLETED!

SPLENDID, **LESLA-LAR!**

SHORTLY, THE BIZARRE CHEMICAL CREATION IS TESTED AT A KANDORIAN BEACH WHERE BATHERS ARE PLAGUED BY SHARKS...

A **TYRANO-SHARK** IS ATTACKING!

BUT HERE COMES THE **"CAPTURER"**, GUIDED BY ITS SHARK-DETECTION RADAR!

THE **"CAPTURER"** HAS SHOCKED THE SHARK INTO INSENSIBILITY, WITH ITS ELECTRIFIED ANTENNAE! THE SHARK CAN NOW BE PLACED IN AN AQUARIUM!

MY CONGRATULATIONS, **LESLA-LAR!** YOU HAVE CREATED ANOTHER GREAT INVENTION!

LATER, DURING THE AFTERNOON LUNCH HOUR, LINDA, STILL BELIEVING SHE IS **LESLA-LAR**, VISITS INTERESTING KANDORIAN SIGHTS...

THE HALL OF HEROES... AMONG THOSE HONORED ARE **SUPERMAN** OF EARTH, AND HIS FATHER, **JOR-EL!**

NEXT, IN THE "HALL OF VILLAINS"...

THIS GREAT MURAL DRAMATICALLY ILLUSTRATES HOW THAT FIEND, **BRAINIAC**, REDUCED THE CITY OF **KANDOR** TO MINIATURE SIZE IN A BOTTLE! SOME DAY HE WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, AND PAY FOR THAT GHASTLY CRIME!

AFTERWARD...

THIS IS "THE HALL OF SLEEPERS"... WHERE VOLUNTEERS ARE PLACED INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION, TO BE AWAKENED 1000 YEARS FROM NOW! THEIR MISSION: TO PRESERVE PRESENT-DAY KANDORIAN IDEALS!... FORMERLY, SUSPENDED ANIMATION WAS ILLEGAL!

WHEN "**LESLA-LAR**" RETURNS TO WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT LAB, SUDDENLY...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE CRIME-DETECTOR APPARATUS REVEALS A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT IS OCCURRING HERE!

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CLANG CLANG!

SOON, SHE OBSERVES...

SO...YOU'VE PROCEEDED WITH THE **Z-BOMB** EXPERIMENT... EVEN THOUGH WARNED IT COULD ACCIDENTALLY BLOW UP **KANDOR**! THE PENALTY FOR THIS IS... **THE PHANTOM ZONE!**

THE PHANTOM ZONE?!! NO! **NO!!**

PRESENTLY, IN A **KANDORIAN** COURT-ROOM...

GUILTY!--THE SENTENCE...20 YEARS IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE!** PROCEED, EXECUTIONER!

HOW AWFUL! THE PUNISHMENT WEAPON IS MAKING THE PRISONER DISAPPEAR! HE'S DOOMED TO REMAIN A PHANTOM FOR 20 YEARS!

MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, THE REAL **LESLA-LAR**, MASQUERADING AS "LINDA", SPIES ON HER "FATHER" AS HE WORKS IN HIS HOME WORKSHOP!...

MY SUPER-VISION SECRETLY REVEALS "DAD" WORKING ON ROCKET EXPERIMENTS!

SOME DAY I'LL STEAL HIS IDEAS, AND USE THEM FOR MY OWN PURPOSES! MEANWHILE, I'VE SOME PLANS OF MY OWN...SINISTER PLANS, THAT WILL ASTOUND EARTH!--MY FIRST MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE **TONIGHT!**

THAT EVENING, **LESLA-LAR** DONS LINDA'S **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME, TAKEN FROM THE HIDDEN PANEL IN HER ROOM, AND HURTLES INTO ACTION...

I'LL TUNNEL UNDERGROUND! FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL KEEP MY EXISTENCE SECRET, JUST AS LINDA DID AS **SUPERGIRL!**

MINUTES LATER, SHE BURROWS UP INTO THE PRISON CELL OF **LUTHOR, SUPERMAN'S** GREATEST FOE!...

GASP!! A... **SUPERGIRL!** IMPOSSIBLE!

NOT AT ALL!

SEE, **LUTHOR?** I CAN TWIST THESE METAL BARS, AS THOUGH THEY WERE MADE OF PUTTY! NOW I'LL BEND THEM BACK INTO SHAPE AGAIN!

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF **ME?!**

I'M FROM ANOTHER PLANET, AND I'VE LONG OBSERVED YOU WITH MY SUPER-VISION--AND ADMIRED YOU! I'VE COME TO EARTH BECAUSE I WANT TO BE YOUR SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON!

I WON'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH YET... IF **EVER!**

WONDERFUL! TAKE ME OUT OF HERE!

WAIT! FIRST I'LL INFLATE THIS SMALL PLASTIC REPLICA OF YOU I'VE CREATED!

AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...

INCREDIBLE! IT'S FULL-SIZED NOW, AND IT LOOKS **EXACTLY** LIKE ME!

WHAT'S HER GAME, I WONDER?

NEXT... THEY'LL THINK IT'S YOU!...I'LL RETURN YOU HERE, EACH DAY AT DAYBREAK! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO CONVICT YOU FOR CRIMES WE PULL BECAUSE YOUR ALIBI WILL BE THAT YOU WERE **HERE IN PRISON!**

HA, HA! TERRIFIC!

LATER, AT A JUNK YARD, "**SUPERGIRL**" CONSTRUCTS A GIANT CRANE HASTILY DESIGNED BY **LUTHOR**...

I'LL MASTERMIND COLOSSAL CRIMES, AND YOU'LL SECRECTLY PEFORM THEM!

THE FOOL! HE ACTUALLY THINKS I'LL ALWAYS BE CONTENT TO BE JUST HIS STOOGE!

ON EARTH, THE FALSE "**SUPERGIRL**" MAKES CRIMINAL USE OF **LUTHOR**'S ASTOUNDING DEVICE FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY...

LOOK! A GIANT SCOOP IS STEALING OUR PARKED ARMORED CAR! THERE ARE MILLIONS IN IT!

DINER

BANG

MA'S DINER

MEANWHILE, IN **KANDOR**, "**LESLA-LAR**", WHO IS IN REALITY LINDA, IS ASTOUNDED TO SEE, ON HER EARTH MONITOR...

AMAZING! A FLYING **SUPERGIRL**! THE SIGHT OF HER IS--STIRRING SOMETHING IN MY MEMORY!.. UH-- THE THOUGHT'S ELUDED ME!

MILES AWAY, THE **VILLAINESS OF STEEL** LETS THE ARMORED CAR DROP...

HA, HA! THE FALL BROKE OPEN THE CAR, LIKE A CRACKED NUT, AND RICHES ARE SPILLING OUT! QUICK! TRANSPORT THE LOOT AND ME TO MY SECRET CAVE!

MINUTES LATER, IN THE CAVE...

:CHUCKLE: WE'LL BECOME WEALTHY BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS!

I'LL SWIFTLY TUNNEL YOU BACK INTO YOUR CELL, NOW!

SOON, AS POLICE LOCATE THE SMASHED ARMORED CAR...

IT'S BROKEN OPEN, AND ALL THE MONEY'S GONE!

THAT GIANT SCOOP SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF **LUTHOR'S** FANTASTIC CRIME-SCHEMES! WE'D BETTER CALL **METROPOLIS** PRISON IMMEDIATELY!

ALERTED, THE WARDEN HURRIES TO CHECK **LUTHOR'S** CELL...

HE HASN'T ESCAPED! THEN HE DIDN'T PULL THE CRIME!

:CHUCKLE!: **SUPERGIRL** GOT ME BACK JUST IN TIME AND REMOVED THE PLASTIC FIGURE... WHAT A SENSATIONAL SECRET SUPER-HELPER SHE IS!

MEANWHILE, IN **KANDOR**, "**LESLA-LAR**", WHO HAS WITNESSED THE SUPER-CRIME BEING PERFORMED, HURRIES FOR HELP...

POLICE!...ALERT EARTH LAW-MEN THAT A CRIMINAL **SUPERGIRL** EXISTS THERE!!

EXIT

BUT THE REAL **LESLA-LAR**, WHO HAS RETURNED TO THE HOME OF HER "FOSTER-PARENTS" ON EARTH, OBSERVES WITH HER SUPER-MICROSCOPIC VISION...

:GASP!: LINDA'S GOING TO BETRAY ME! I'LL PRESS THE BUTTON ON THE BRACELET THAT WILL TELEPORT HER BACK TO EARTH FROM **KANDOR**! SHE'LL RETURN HERE WITH NO MEMORY OF HER HAVING TAKEN MY PLACE ON **KANDOR**!

AS LINDA IS TELEPORTED BACK INTO HER BEDROOM, AT THE HOME OF HER FOSTER PARENTS, **LESLA-LAR** SUPER-SWIFTLY SWITCHES GARMENTS WITH HER, THEN...

NOW TO PRESS THE "REVERSE" BUTTON, AND SEND MYSELF BACK TO **KANDOR**, BEFORE SHE SIGHTS ME!

FINDING HERSELF IN THE DARKENED ROOM, LINDA SCREAMS...

YII...III! ...**HELP!** HELP!

WHAT'S WRONG, LINDA?

WHAT FRIGHTENED YOU? A NIGHTMARE?

I-I GUESS SO!

I'M IN MY BEDROOM, AT HOME! I WAS... ONLY DREAMING!

REASSURING HER, LINDA'S FOSTER PARENTS LEAVE...

STRANGE! I SEEMED TO BE LIVING IN **KANDOR** AND I WAS--**SOMEONE ELSE**--IT ALL SEEMED SO **REAL!**... BUT IT WAS ONLY A DREAM, AFTER ALL!

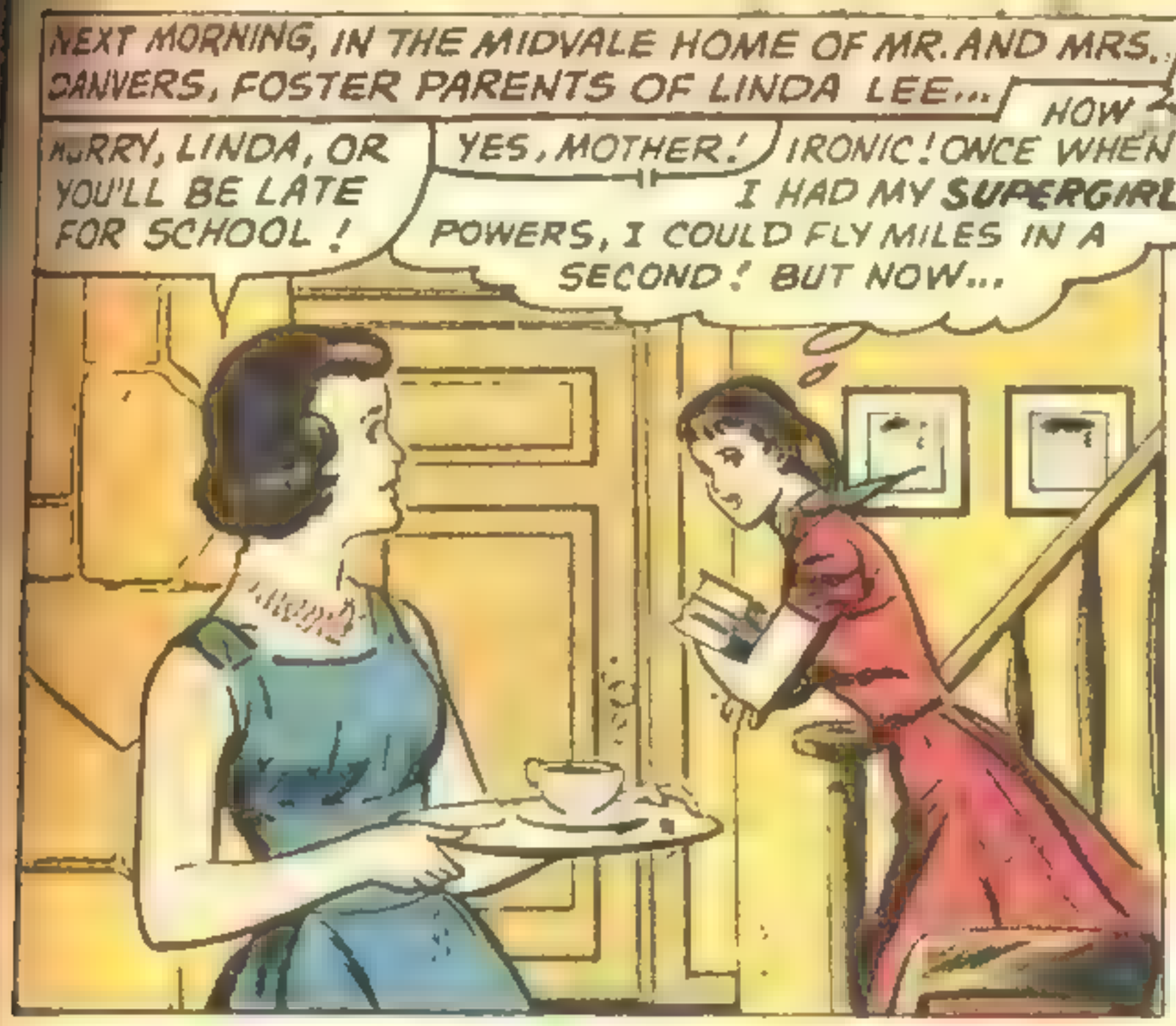
IN **KANDOR**, **LESLA-LAR** LAUGHS SCORNFULLY...

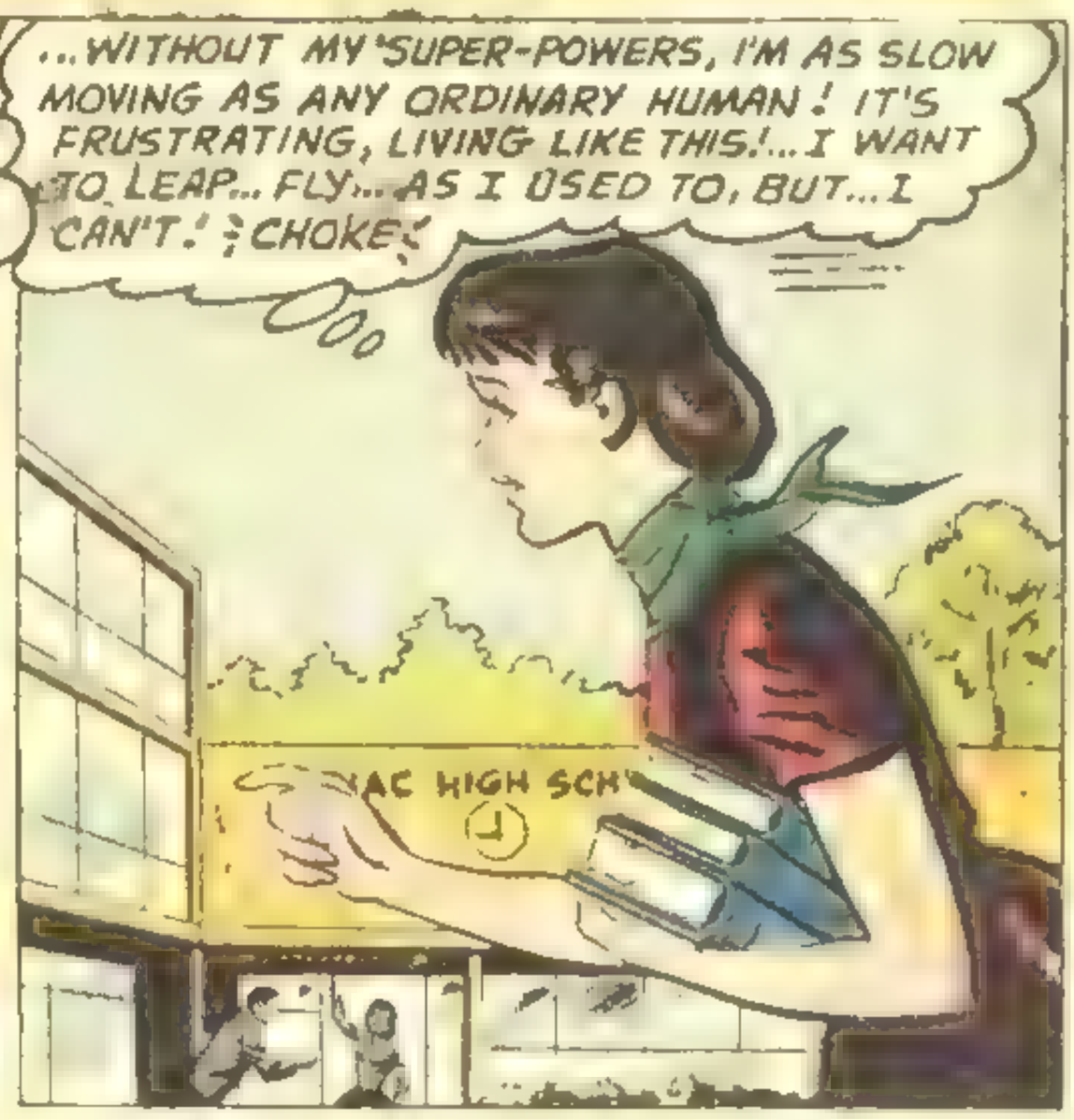
LITTLE FOOL! GO ON, SLEEP! WHEN I'M GOOD AND READY, I'LL TRANSFER YOU BACK INTO **KANDOR** TO LEAD YOUR OTHER LIFE AS "**LESLA-LAR**"...

AND **ME**?... HA, HA, THAT'S WHEN I'LL RETURN TO EARTH AGAIN, AND ONCE AGAIN BECOME **LUTHOR'S** SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON... UNTIL I'M READY TO BE **MORE** THAN THAT!

SEE THE ASTOUNDING EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE, IN **PART THREE**, WHEN LINDA'S EARTH EXISTENCE IS ONCE AGAIN STOLEN BY THE INSIDIOUS **LESLA-LAR!**

PART 3 "TRAPPED IN KANDOR!"


NEXT MORNING, IN THE MIDVALE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. DANVERS, FOSTER PARENTS OF LINDA LEE...
HURRY, LINDA, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
YES, MOTHER! HOW IRONIC! ONCE WHEN I HAD MY SUPERGIRL POWERS, I COULD FLY MILES IN A SECOND! BUT NOW...


...WITHOUT MY SUPER-POWERS, I'M AS SLOW MOVING AS ANY ORDINARY HUMAN! IT'S FRUSTRATING, LIVING LIKE THIS!... I WANT TO LEAP... FLY... AS I USED TO, BUT... I CAN'T! ;CHOKE!
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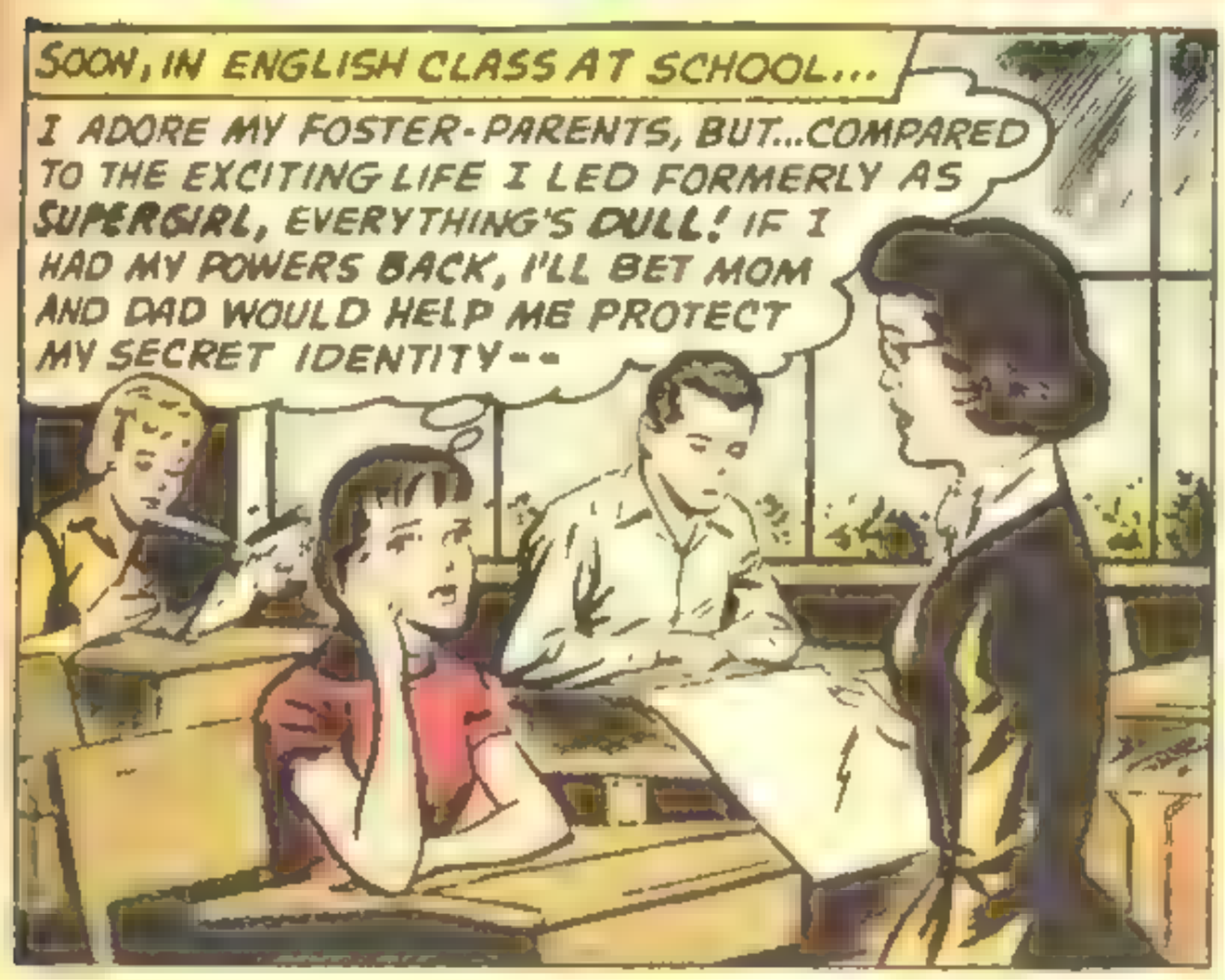
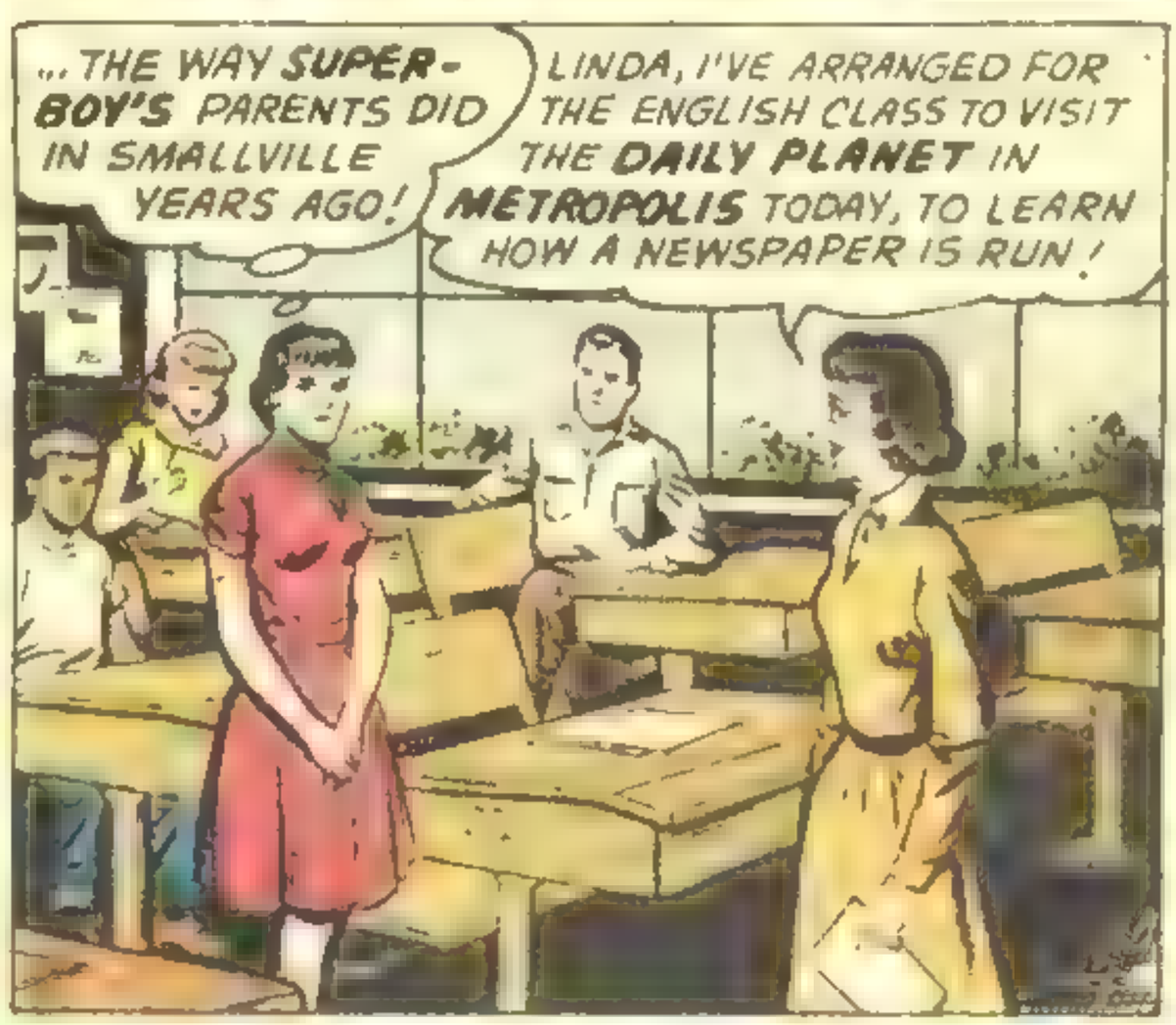
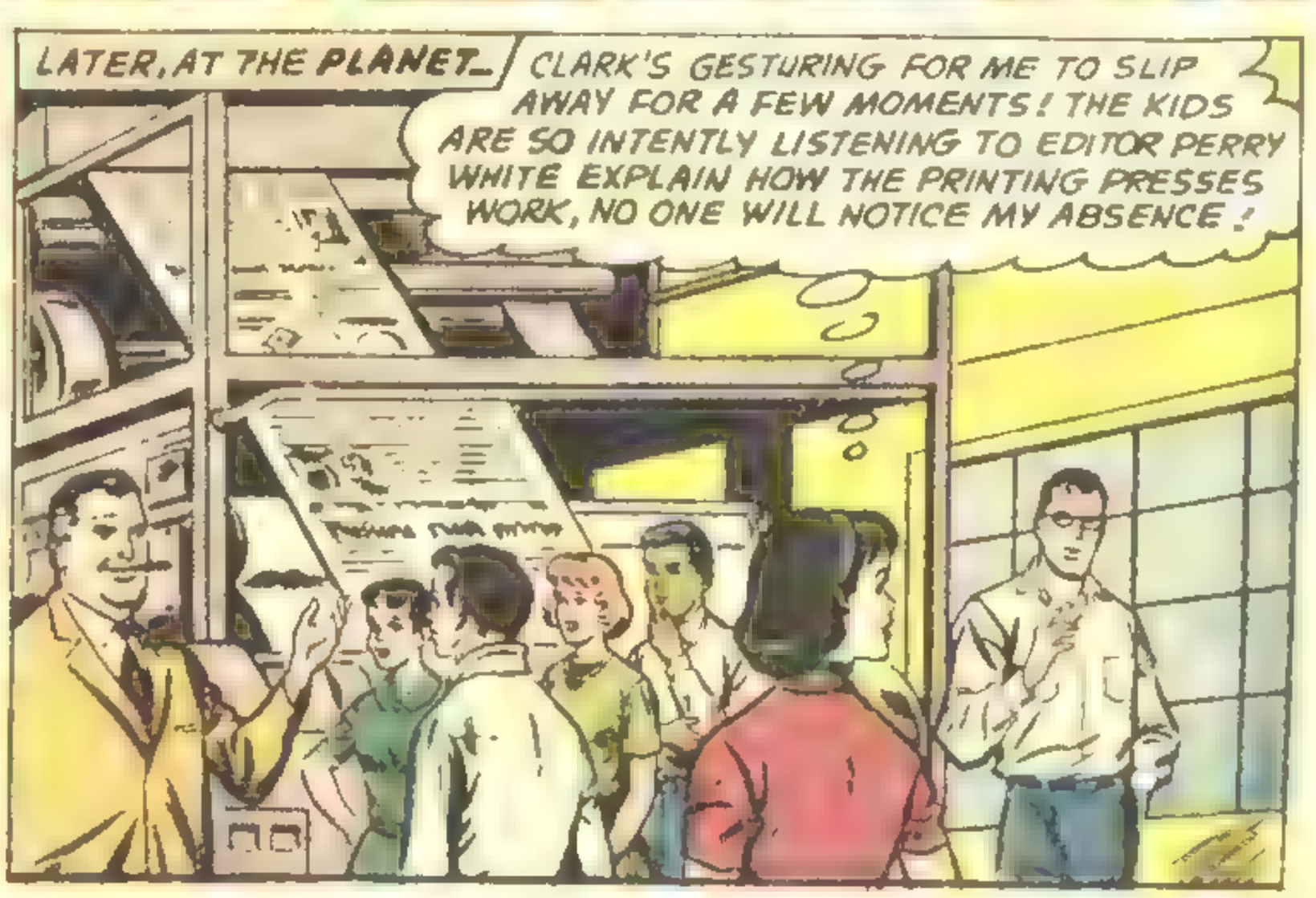

SOON, IN ENGLISH CLASS AT SCHOOL...
I ADORE MY FOSTER-PARENTS, BUT... COMPARED TO THE EXCITING LIFE I LED FORMERLY AS SUPERGIRL, EVERYTHING'S DULL! IF I HAD MY POWERS BACK, I'LL BET MOM AND DAD WOULD HELP ME PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY--


...THE WAY SUPER-BOY'S PARENTS DID IN SMALLVILLE YEARS AGO!
LINDA, I'VE ARRANGED FOR THE ENGLISH CLASS TO VISIT THE DAILY PLANET IN METROPOLIS TODAY, TO LEARN HOW A NEWSPAPER IS RUN!

YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP!
!!- THE PLANET IS WHERE MY COUSIN SUPERMAN WORKS IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS "MEEK" REPORTER CLARK KENT!


LATER, AT THE PLANET...
CLARK'S GESTURING FOR ME TO SLIP AWAY FOR A FEW MOMENTS! THE KIDS ARE SO INTENTLY LISTENING TO EDITOR PERRY WHITE EXPLAIN HOW THE PRINTING PRESSES WORK, NO ONE WILL NOTICE MY ABSENCE!

SHORTLY... LINDA, I'VE HAD NO LUCK TRYING TO DISCOVER SOME WAY TO PERMANENTLY RETURN YOUR SUPER-POWERS!-- TONIGHT, AT MY SECRET FORTRESS, I'LL MAKE ONE FINAL ATTEMPT!

THANKS-- FOR TRYING!...

LITTLE DO EITHER **SUPERMAN** OR LINDA KNOW IT, BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT THEY ARE BEING SPIED UPON BY DISTANT LESLA-LAR IN KANDOR...

HA, HA! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR LINDA'S WOES!

YES, ONCE AGAIN WE LOOK IN ON THE KRYPTONIAN CITY-IN-A-BOTTLE... AND THE FOE WHOSE TREACHERY LINDA DOESN'T EVEN SUSPECT!

WITHIN THIS BOTTLE-CITY IS THE EVIL KANDORIAN GIRL SCIENTIST, LESLA-LAR, WHO STRONGLY RESEMBLES LINDA...

I STOLE LINDA'S SUPER-POWERS WITH MY KRYPTONITE-TINGED RAY!-SHE DOESN'T SUSPECT...

...THAT WITH MY SUPER-SCIENCE I ONCE TELEPORTED HER HERE, CAUSED HER TO BELIEVE SHE WAS **ME**, THEN I TEMPORARILY STOLE HER PLACE ON EARTH! EARTH'S LESSER GRAVITY, PLUS THE SOLAR RAYS OF ITS SUN, GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS THERE!

THAT NIGHT, AS LINDA GOES TO BED IN HER HOME, **LESLA-LAR** STRIKES...!

MY TELEPORT RAY IS CAUSING HER BODY TO SHRINK AND VANISH! SHE'LL BE HERE IN KANDOR IN ANOTHER INSTANT!

AFTER THE SLEEPING LINDA MATERIALIZES IN KANDOR... THE **BRAIN-COMMAND HELMET** IS RE-ACTIVATING IN HER MIND THE INFORMATION AND ORDERS THIS DEVICE FED HER ONCE BEFORE! WHEN SHE AWAKENS, SHE'LL AGAIN BELIEVE SHE'S ME!

EXCHANGING GARMENTS WITH LINDA, LESLA-LAR STEPS BEFORE THE **TELEPORT-RAY**... NOW I'M BEING PROJECTED TO EARTH! THE "REVERSE" BUTTON ON MY **TELEPORT BRACELET** WILL RETURN ME HERE WHENEVER I DESIRE!

ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, THE IMPOSTOR MATERIALIZES IN LINDA'S ROOM ON EARTH...

WHEN I PRESS THE BRACELET'S OTHER BUTTON, LINDA WILL IMMEDIATELY TELEPORT BACK TO EARTH!...NOW TO TAKE OFF THIS WIG--REMOVE LINDA'S SUPER-COSTUME FROM THAT HIDDEN PANEL, DON IT, AND STEAL HER IDENTITY AS **SUPERGIRL**!

DIVING DOWN FROM THE BEDROOM WINDOW, THE FALSE "**SUPERGIRL**" TUNNELS THROUGH THE GROUND...

I'LL VISIT THE PRISON CELL OF LUTHOR, **SUPERMAN'S** ARCH ENEMY! LUTHOR BELIEVES I'M FROM ANOTHER PLANET AND THAT MY CHIEF AMBITION IS TO BE HIS SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON!

MOMENTS LATER...

:CHUCKLE:--IT'S VERY CLEVER THE WAY YOU SNEAK ME OUT OF HERE AT NIGHT SO WE CAN PULL CRIMES TOGETHER! AFTERWARD, YOU RETURN ME HERE SO THE PRISON IS MY... HA, HA... PERFECT ALIBI!

I'M JUST AS RUTHLESS AS LUTHOR... BUT EVEN **SMARTER**, AS HE'LL ONE DAY LEARN TO HIS REGRET...

I'VE COME TO TELL YOU OF MY FOOL-PROOF PLAN TO DESTROY **SUPERMAN**, WITH YOUR HELP!

GOOD!

LUTHOR, YOU'VE TRIED TO WIPE OUT **SUPERMAN** MANY TIMES WITH **KRYPTONITE**, THE ONE SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN KILL HIM, BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS FAILED! WHY? BECAUSE YOU USED **GREEN KRYPTONITE** METEORS...

EXPLAIN!

IN THE PAST, YOU'VE ALWAYS CARRIED A KRYPTONITE METEOR TO **SUPERMAN**, OR LURED HIM INTO A TRAP WHERE YOU'D HIDDEN A KRYPTONITE METEOR. THAT WAS CLUMSY... INEFFICIENT! YOU NEED SOMETHING THAT COULD STRIKE MORE **SWIFTLY**...

SUCH AS WHAT?

A **KRYPTONITE RAY** WHICH COULD SURPRISE-ATTACK **SUPERMAN** WHILE HE FLIES IN THE SKY! HE COULD **NEVER** ESCAPE SUCH A WEAPON!... I CAN INFORM YOU **HOW** TO MAKE IT, BUT... I WANT YOU TO DESIGN THE RAY-MACHINE YOURSELF!

WHY?

I COULD EASILY BUILD SUCH A WEAPON AND DESTROY **SUPERMAN** MYSELF, BUT I WANT **YOU** TO GET FULL CREDIT FOR THE CRIME SO THAT WHEN I REVEAL MYSELF TO THE WORLD...

LATER, AWAKENING IN KANDOR, AND FALSELY BELIEVING HERSELF TO BE LESLA-LAR, THE REAL LINDA REPORTS TO WORK AT A GOVERNMENT LAB...

...PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M ON THE LAW'S SIDE, AND NEVER SUSPECT THAT YOU AND I ARE SECRET PARTNERS IN CRIME!

I'LL BEGIN DESIGNING THE RAY MACHINE AT ONCE. I'LL HIDE THE PLANS WHERE THE GUARDS WON'T FIND THEM! GOODBYE, **SUPERGIRL**!

THE BRAINS OF KANDOR'S GENIUSES ARE PRESERVED IN CHEMICALS, SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO CREATE GREAT IDEAS, AFTER THEIR BODIES HAVE DIED! THE BRAINS CAN ACTUALLY "WRITE" THEIR THOUGHTS!!!

THE NEXT DAY, ON EARTH, AS PREARRANGED, **SUPERMAN** MEETS THE FALSE "LINDA" IN A WOODS, BESIDE THE HOLLOW TREE IN WHICH THE LINDA LEE ROBOT IS HIDDEN...

I'M SORRY LINDA, DEAR-- BUT I HAVE BAD NEWS! I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO RESTORE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

I-I HAD A FEELING YOU'D FAIL ! CHOKE !

I'LL ACT HEART-BROKEN, JUST THE WAY THE REAL LINDA WOULD!

I WISH I COULD HAVE HAD HAPPIER NEWS FOR YOU, LINDA...

SUPERMAN, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MY LOSS OF SUPER-POWERS, AND I'VE AN IDEA!--PLEASE LIFT THAT ORE ROCK !

AND AS **SUPERMAN** OBEYS...

CRUSH IT... MELT THE ORE GRAINS WITH YOUR HEAT VISION.., COOL IT WITH YOUR SUPER-BREATH... THEN HAND THE SUBSTANCE TO ME !--I KNOW YOU THINK I'M BEING RIDICULOUS, BUT PLEASE HUMOR ME !

VERY WELL...

AS SHE INHALES A VAPOR ARISING FROM THE MELTED, CRUSHED ORE...

IF MY THEORY WORKS, THIS SHOULD RESTORE MY POWERS !

WHAT UTTER NONSENSE ! IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SUCH AN EFFECT ON HER !

BUT A MOMENT LATER...!

LOOK, **SUPERMAN**!! MY SUPER-POWERS **HAVE** RETURNED! SEE HOW EASILY I UPROOTED THIS TREE?!--OH-I'M SO **HAPPY** !

I...CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

NOW LOOK! "MY" HEAT VISION HAS RETURNED, TOO! IT'S BURNING THE TREE!

NEXT...

I CAN FLY AGAIN! OH, HOW HEAVENLY!!

COME DOWN, YOUNG LADY! RIGHT NOW!

AS THE IMPOSTOR FROM KANDOR OBEYS...

HOW DID YOU DO IT?!

SIMPLE! I FIGURED THAT THE GAS RELEASED BY THE FUSION OF THE CHEMICALS IN THE ROCK COULD REACTIVATE THE SUPER-ENERGY OF MY BODY-CELLS! I WAS RIGHT!

HA! HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'VE POSSESSED SUPER-POWERS EVER SINCE I CAME FROM KANDOR!

SUDDENLY...

ULP! THE GROUND'S TREMBLING VIOLENTLY!

OH-OH! LOOK TOWARD METROPOLIS CANYON WITH YOUR TELESCOPIC VISION, AND SEE WHAT I SEE!

A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, THE MAN OF STEEL'S AMAZING VISION SIGHTS...

TWO GROUPS OF TOURISTS, IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE CANYON, ARE MENACED BY GREAT HUNKS OF ROCK TORN LOOSE BY AN EARTHQUAKE!

METROPOLIS CANYON

AS SUPERMAN STREAKS OFF, "LINDA" DONS A SPARE SUPERGIRL COSTUME SHE REMOVES FROM WITHIN THE HOLLOW TREE IN WHICH THE LINDA ROBOT IS HIDDEN AND THEN...

HERE'S WHERE I SHOW UP SUPERMAN!

A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER, AT METROPOLIS CANYON...

WHEW! I BATTERED ASIDE THE FALLING ROCKS, JUST IN TIME!

SAVED... BY SUPERMAN!

SIMULTANEOUSLY, FURTHER UP THE CANYON...

I'M SWIFTLY FASHIONING THE FALLING BOULDERS INTO A SERIES OF ARCHWAYS OVER THE ROAD, QUICKER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW! IN ANOTHER INSTANT, I'LL FLY OUT OF VIEW! THE TOURISTS WILL THINK IT'S AN ASTOUNDING PHENOMENON THAT HAPPENED BY **MERE CHANCE!**

"SUPERGIRL" SPEEDS OFF BEFORE SHE CAN BE SEEN, FLASHING OVERHEAD, **SUPERMAN** OBSERVES HER HANDIWORK...

FANTASTIC! THOSE FALLING ROCKS FORMED ARCHWAYS OVER THE ROAD!...GASP!! I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT!

PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EVERYWHERE TO SEE THIS NATURAL WONDER!

HOW CLEVER OF **SUPERGIRL!** NOT ONLY DID SHE SAVE **LIVES,** BUT SHE'S CREATED A UNIQUE MARVEL WHICH WILL THRILL TOURISTS FOR CENTURIES TO COME!

OVERTAKING **"SUPERGIRL"**, **SUPERMAN** BIDS HER TO FOLLOW HIM, AND SOON AFTERWARD THEY FLY TOWARD A DESERTED TROPICAL ISLE...

GREAT WORK!

GLAD YOU'RE PLEASED!

IN FAR-OFF KANDOR, THE POPULACE REJOICES AS THEIR EARTH-VIEWERS REVEAL...

HOORAY! **SUPERGIRL'S** REGAINED HER SUPER-POWERS!

ONCE AGAIN SHE'S THE **MAN OF STEEL'S** SUPER-HELPER!

AMONG THE JOYOUS ONLOOKERS IN KANDOR IS "LESLA-LAR", WHO IS STILL PITIFULLY UNAWARE THAT SHE IS BEING VICTIMIZED BY THE SPURIOUS "SUPERGIRL"...

THEY'RE...TOGETHER AGAIN! OH, I'M SO VERY **GLAD** FOR THEIR SAKE!

ON THE ISLE, ON EARTH...

HMMM! SUPERGIRL JUST OUT-DID ME, **TWICE!**--SHE SUCCEEDED IN REGAINING HER SUPER-POWERS, WHEN I FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT FOR HER!--SECOND, BY CREATING THAT SPECTACULAR SIGHT WHILE PERFORMING A RESCUE, SHE TOPPED ME AGAIN!

SUPERGIRL, YOU'LL RECALL THAT I WAS ABOUT TO REVEAL YOUR EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD WHEN YOU UNFORTUNATELY LOST YOUR SUPER-POWERS...

I REMEMBER...

I **ALSO** REMEMBER STEALING THE REAL **SUPERGIRL'S** POWERS AWAY FROM HER!

BECAUSE YOU'RE AS MIGHTY AS EVER AGAIN, THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T ANNOUNCE YOU TO THE WORLD-**NOW!**--OKAY?

¡GASP!¿--YOU... REALLY MEAN IT?

OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, COUSIN **SUPERMAN!**-THIS IS THE **MOST GLORIOUS** THING THAT COULD EVER **POSSIBLY** HAPPEN TO ME!

MY PLOT'S WORKING OUT EXACTLY AS I **PLANNED!**

AFTER **SUPERMAN** ANNOUNCES ME TO THE WORLD AS **SUPER-GIRL**, THE **REAL SUPERGIRL** WHOSE IDENTITY I'VE STOLEN WILL SPEND THE REST OF HER **LIFE** IN **KANDOR**, MISTAKENLY BELIEVING SHE'S **LESLA-LAR!**

THE GLORY, THE FAME, THAT WOULD HAVE RIGHTFULLY BEEN HERS, WILL NOW BE **MINE!**... --I'LL ARRANGE TO "ACCIDENTALLY" KILL LUTHOR WHILE CAPTURING HIM AFTER HE DESTROYS **SUPERMAN** WITH THE **KRYPTONITE RAY**...

A DEAD LUTHOR WON'T BE ABLE TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT ME! AND WITH **SUPERMAN** OUT OF THE WAY, I'LL BE THE MIGHTIEST PERSON ON EARTH, FREE TO CONQUER OR DESTROY EARTH, AS I PLEASE! HA, HA, HA!

OFF THEY FLASH TO THE ARCTIC, AND AS THEY REACH THE GIANT KEY TO THE FORTRESS, WHICH IS DISGUISED AS AN AIRPLANE MARKER...

YIP, YIP!

MY SUPER-PET, **KRYPTO**, IS RETURNING FROM ROMPING IN OUTER SPACE!

HI, KRYPTO!

SHORTLY, OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS...

I'LL REJOIN YOU AFTER I CHECK THAT EXPERIMENT! MEANWHILE, YOU TWO OLD FRIENDS CAN GET REACQUAINTED!

I DIDN'T COUNT ON THIS...!

INSIDE, AS **SUPERMAN** TEMPORARILY LEAVES "**SUPERGIRL**" AND **KRYPTO** ALONE...

??...HEY! THAT GIRL! SHE LOOKS LIKE **SUPERGIRL**, ALL RIGHT, BUT WAIT-- THERE'S SOMETHING **PHONY** GOING ON HERE!

UH-OH! **KRYPTO** IS LOOKING STRANGELY AT ME! DOES HE SUSPECT...?

EXCHANGE RAY

I GOT IT! IT'S HER **PERFUME!** SHE DOESN'T USE THE SAME KIND THAT LINDA DOES!... AND SHE'S LOOKING AT ME WITH A FUNNY EXPRESSION, NERVOUS-LIKE.., NOT LIKE A **FRIEND!**

HIS DOG-INSTINCT CAUSES **KRYPTO** TO LOOK INTO THE MINIATURE-SIZED BOTTLE-CITY OF **KANDOR** WITH HIS MICROSCOPIC VISION, WHERE HE SEES...

ANOTHER **SUPERGIRL!** I SENSE THAT THE GIRL IN THE BOTTLE IS THE **REAL SUPERGIRL!**

HOW DID THE REAL **SUPERGIRL** NOW IN **KANDOR**, WHO MISTAKENLY BELIEVES HERSELF TO BE **LESLA-LAR**, GET TO **LOOK** LIKE **SUPERGIRL AGAIN?** FOR THE ANSWER, LET'S LOOK A SHORT TIME INTO THE PAST...

SUPERGIRL!!

YOU'RE MISTAKEN! I'M **LESLA-LAR**, A SCIENTIST!

OF COURSE YOU ARE! BUT... YOUR FEATURES, YOUR BUILD, YOUR EXPRESSIONS ARE LIKE THOSE OF **SUPERGIRL** OF EARTH! IF YOU WORE A **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME, YOU'D LOOK **EXACTLY** LIKE HER! YOU MUST STAR IN A **SUPERGIRL** SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE I'M FILMING! EVERYTHING'S **READY!**

?!!

AT BEWILDERING SPEED, **"LESLA-LAR"** WAS SOON PORTRAYING **SUPERGIRL OF EARTH** IN A KANDORIAN MOVIE, LITTLE REALIZING SHE WAS ACTUALLY PLAYING **HERSELF...**

PERFECT! WE'VE EVEN GIVEN YOU A CHEMICALLY-TREATED **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME TO ASSURE YOUR SAFETY!

SOON, ON THE FILM SET OF **"ATOMO INVADES EARTH"...**

IN THE PLOT, A JET-PROPELLED SPACE-BEAST... **ATOMO...** ATTACKS THE EARTH CITY OF METROPOLIS! WHEN ANGERED, HE GIVES OFF ATOMIC RADIATION, TO WHICH HE HIMSELF IS, OF COURSE, IMMUNE!

SINCE SUPERMAN IS TEMPORARILY AWAY IN SPACE, YOU, SUPERGIRL, FLY AT ATOMO, AND OVERCOME HIM WITH YOUR MIGHTY SUPER-STRENGTH!

B-B-BUT I CAN'T FLY! AND I HAVEN'T GOT SUPER-POWERS!

HA, HA! DON'T WORRY! OUR SPECIAL EFFECTS TRICKS WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!--UP YOU GO, SUSPENDED BY THIN, "INVISIBLE" WIRES!...DON'T LOOK SO AWKWARD! SMILE! REMEMBER, SUPERGIRL IS CAREFREE, BRAVE, AND ABOVE ALL, LOVELY!

SECONDS LATER, AS WIRES MAKE THE FAKE MONSTER APPEAR TO BE SPUN ABOUT BY THE NON-SUPER SUPERGIRL ACTRESS...

SHE'S NOW PUTTING HER HEART INTO IT! THIS GIRL IS A GREAT TALENT!!

AWP! HER WIRE'S SNAPPED! SHE'S FALLING!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS, KRYPTO ACTIVATES SUPERMAN'S EXCHANGE-RAY WITH HIS PAW..

GOOD! THE RAY IS SENDING THE FAKE "SUPERGIRL" INTO KANDOR, WHILE THE REAL SUPERGIRL IS BEING RETURNED TO EARTH FROM KANDOR!

AS THE REAL SUPERGIRL MATERIALIZES IN THE FORTRESS, SHE TRIPS AND IS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AS HER HEAD STRIKES AGAINST A TABLE...

MEANWHILE, THE FALSE "SUPERGIRL" MATERIALIZES IN KANDOR...

I'M GLAD THE FALL DIDN'T HURT YOU, LESLA-LAR! YOU'D BETTER TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF!

DRAT THAT KRYPTO! HE'S RETURNED ME TO KANDOR!

SET #5

SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL REVIVES IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...

WH-WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

YOU MUST HAVE FAINTED!.. STRANGE! THAT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE, NOW THAT YOU'RE SUPER-POWERFUL AGAIN!

ODD! AGAIN I SEEM TO REMEMBER A STRANGE DREAM... THAT I WAS LIVING IN KANDOR!

SUPER-POWERFUL? ME? WHY, I CAN'T EVEN LIFT THIS STATUE! AND I DON'T RECALL HAVING GOT MY POWERS BACK!

YOU MUST BE SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA!... I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE YOU LOSE YOUR POWERS AGAIN, BUT I'LL GET THEM BACK FOR YOU!

WRAPPING SUPERGIRL IN HIS CLOAK TO PROTECT HER FROM THE SUB-ZERO ARCTIC TEMPERATURE, SUPERMAN FLIES OFF WITH HER AS KRYPTO STREAKS BACK TOWARD OUTER SPACE..

I'M GLAD I RESCUED SUPERGIRL AND GOT RID OF HER EVIL IMITATOR!

LATER, NEAR MIDVALE, U.S.A., SUPERMAN CRUSHES SOME ROCK WITH HIS BARE HANDS, AND MELTS THE GRAINS WITH HIS HEAT VISION...

I'VE INHALED THE VAPOR AS YOU DIRECTED, BUT I STILL FEEL... UNSUPER!

ODD! THE LAST TIME I CRUSHED THIS ROCK AND MELTED IT, THE VAPORS BROUGHT BACK YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

IN KANDOR, WHERE LESLA-LAR HAS REMOVED HER DISGUISE AND RETURNED TO HER LABORATORY...

THE FOOL! WHILE POSING AS SUPERGIRL, I PRETENDED THAT METHOD WORKED ON ME AND RESTORED MY SUPER-POWERS! ACTUALLY, IT WAS EARTH'S LESSER GRAVITY AND YELLOW SUN'S SOLAR RAYS THAT GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS!

EARTH-VIEWER MACHINE

SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN RETURNS SUPERGIRL TO HER HOME...

SORRY! ONCE AGAIN, I CAN'T REVEAL YOUR EXISTENCE AS SUPERGIRL TO THE WORLD NOW THAT YOU NO LONGER HAVE SUPER-POWERS!

BUT THERE'LL BE BIG SURPRISES IN PART IX!

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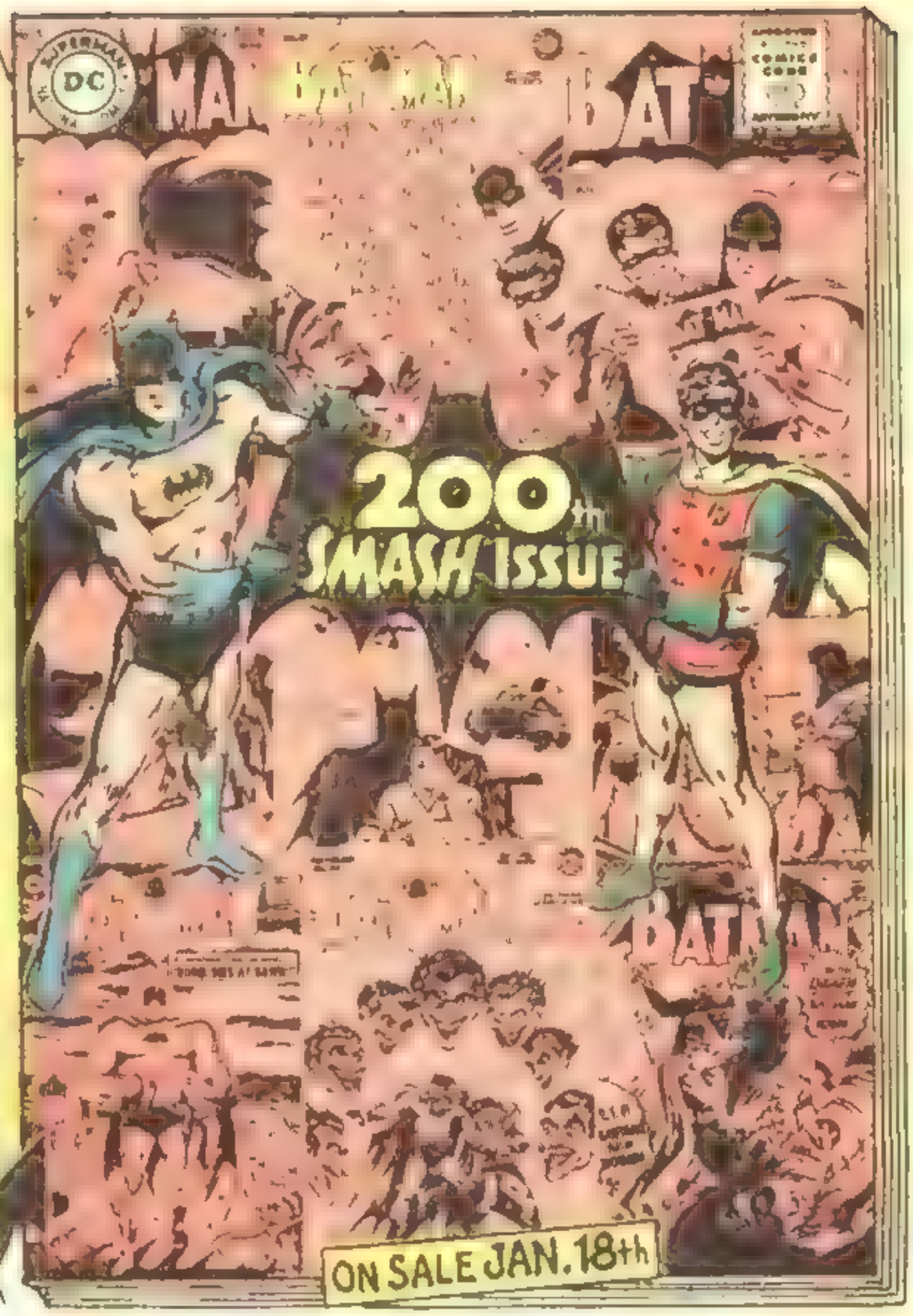

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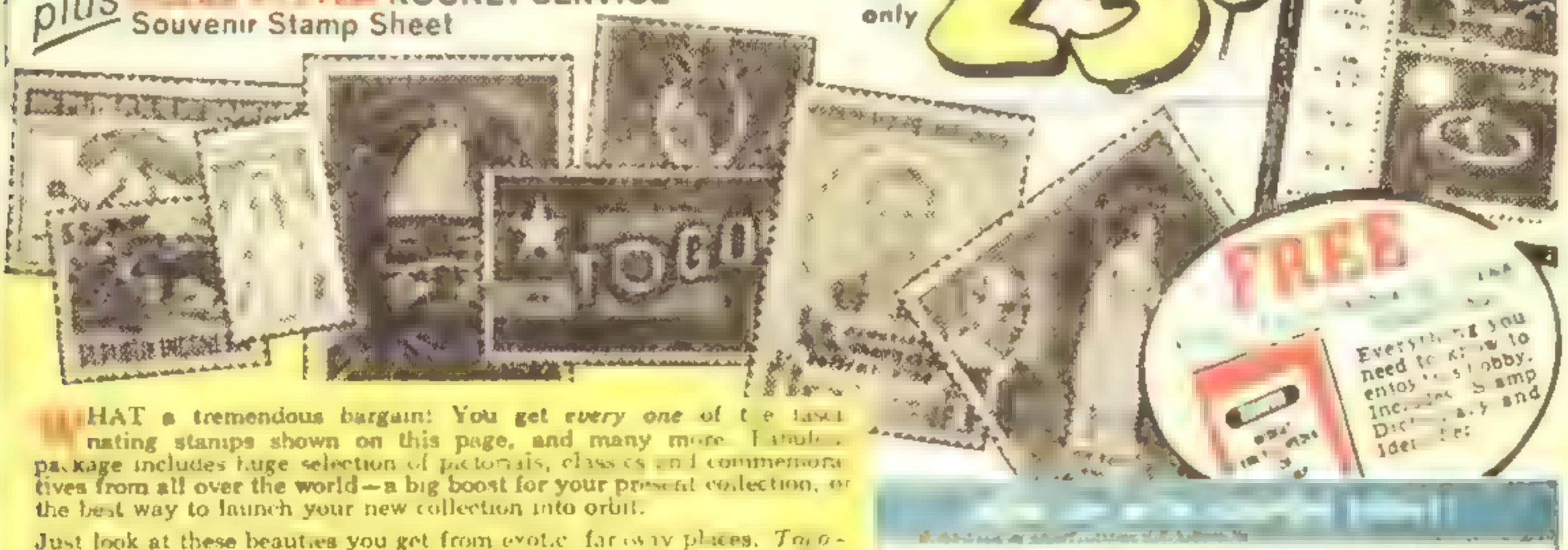

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MILESTONES IN SUPERGIRL'S LIFE

In this issue we feature the story that marked some of the greatest changes in the life of Supergirl. Yet these are only a few of the many alterations the Girl of Steel's life has undergone since her arrival on Earth. Here are some of the other milestones in the career of the World's Greatest Heroine:

The May, 1959 issue of ACTION COMICS (No. 252) hit the comic world like a bombshell. There, on the cover, was Superman, startled to see a teen-age girl with his powers flying out of a rocket that was landing on Earth. In this issue, her origin was told, and Superman devised her Linda disguise. Then he took her to Midvale Orphanage, where he told the headmaster that she had lost her parents in a disaster which wiped out her whole community—which was true.

One of the other teens at Midvale Orphanage was Dick Wilson, who first appeared in ACTION No. 256. He managed to photograph Supergirl in flight—and thus became the first person to discover her existence on Earth. He suspected Linda might be this mysterious Supergirl, but the resourceful super-heroine foiled his various attempts to prove it. Then Superman showed up with a Supergirl Robot, which convinced Dick that this was what he had seen, and there wasn't a real Supergirl on Earth, after all.

In issue 261, Linda adopted a cat named Streaky. Later, she tried some experiments to find an antidote for Kryptonite, but failed. However, the Green K she had used had been turned into X-Kryptonite, which gave Streaky temporary super-powers whenever he got near it.

ACTION No. 267 gave Supergirl a crack at membership in the Legion of Super-Heroes—but she wasn't accepted. Why? Because she encountered a piece of Red Kryptonite which temporarily turned her into a grown woman, too old for the all-teen Legion.

"Supergirl's First Romance" was the title of the story which introduced Jerro, the Merboy, in ACTION No. 269. Jerro returned, along with Lori Lemaris, in the following issue, when, together with Superman, Krypto, Batman and Robin, they surprised Supergirl on her sixteenth birthday.

The Maid of Steel finally won her Legion membership in ACTION No. 276. There was one other hero inducted at the same time—Brainiac 5, the youth with the super-brain. Brainiac 5 became Supergirl's second boy friend.

Issues 278 through 285 contained the story in this issue. The last two chapters were both in No. 285, which was an all-Supergirl issue.

No. 292 introduced a new Super-Pet—Comet, the Super-Horse. He had been Biron, a centaur, in ancient times, but, due to the treachery of an evil wizard, he was changed into a horse. Circe, the sorceress, endowed him with the super-powers of the gods. Later the wicked wizard banished him to a faraway planet, where he remained until Supergirl's rocket, taking her from Argo City to Earth, passed by and broke the spell. This origin was revealed in No. 293.

In ACTION 295, Linda made a new friend, Lena Thorul, a telepathic girl who is not aware that she is the sister of the criminal scientist, Lex Luthor. Two issues later, Lesla-Lar returned, changed places with Lena (as she does with Linda in this issue's novel) and released some villains from the Phantom Zone. Was she sorry! They tested an anti-Superman weapon on her, and killed her! Later, to save his sister from a lifetime in tiny Kandor, Luthor helped Supergirl defeat the Kryptonian crooks.

No. 301 brought a change for Comet, when a wizard on another world gave him the power to become human when in the vicinity of a real comet. In his human form he is known as Bronco Bill Starr; but Supergirl is unaware that Bronco Bill and Comet are one and the same.

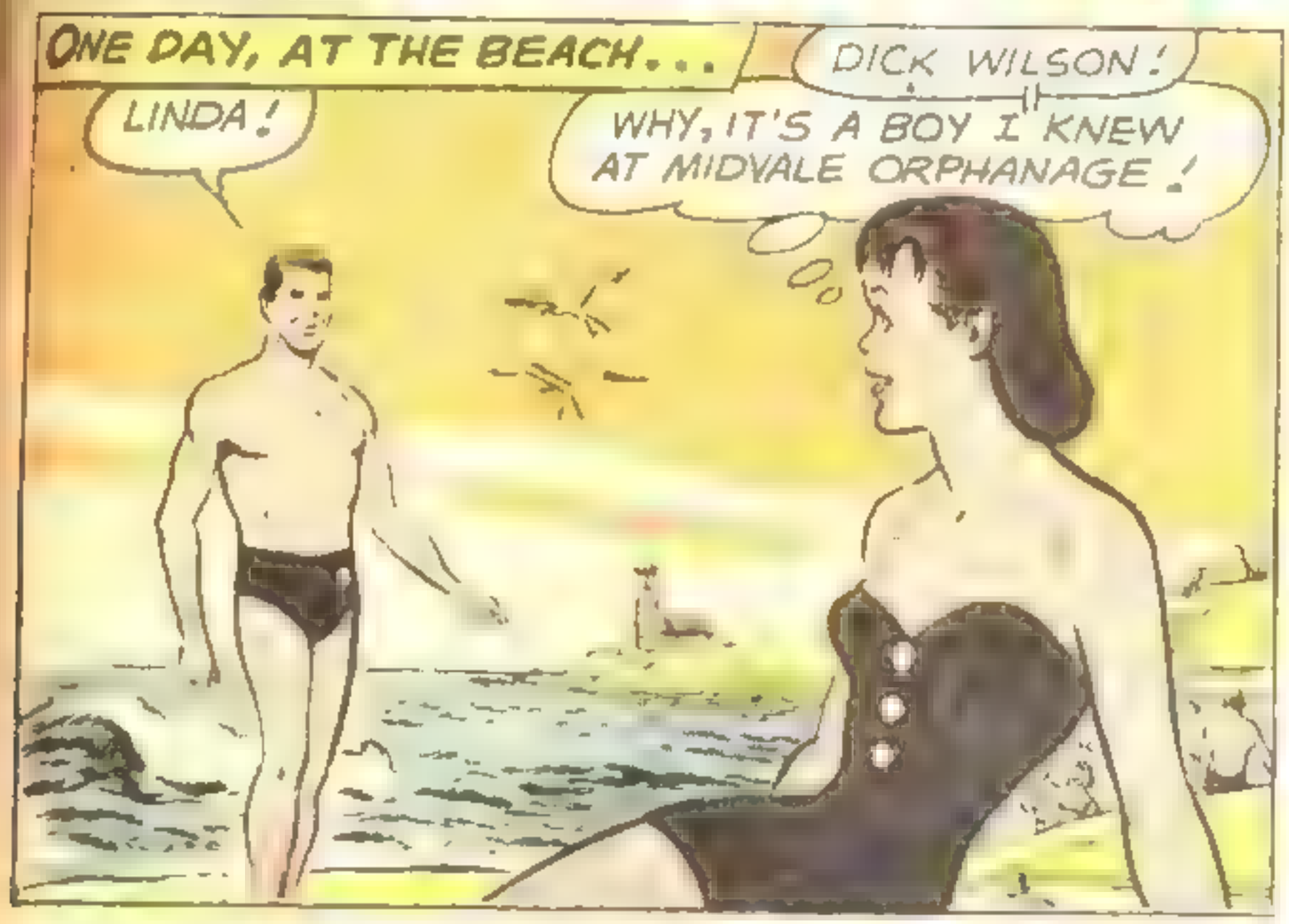
In No. 309, Supergirl learned that her real parents, Zor-El and Allura, were still alive! At the last minute, they had escaped from doomed Argo City to the Survival Zone—similar to the Phantom Zone, but in another dimension. The follow-up issue showed how, with the help of her foster-dad, Fred Danvers, Supergirl freed them from the Zone, and they went to live in Kandor.

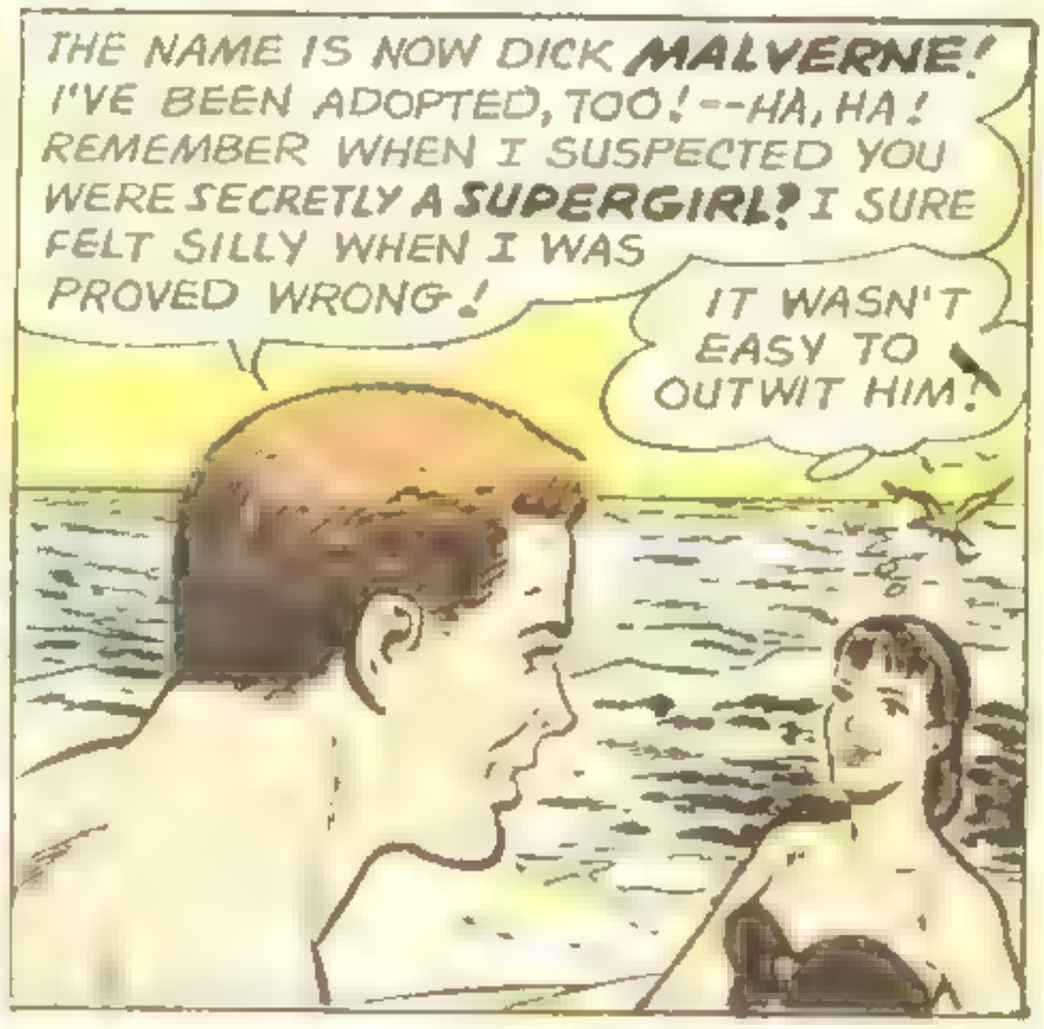
There was a wedding in ACTION No. 317. Lena Thorul married Jeff Colby, an F.B.I. agent. What a shock this was to her brother, Lex Luthor! Jeff had once arrested him!

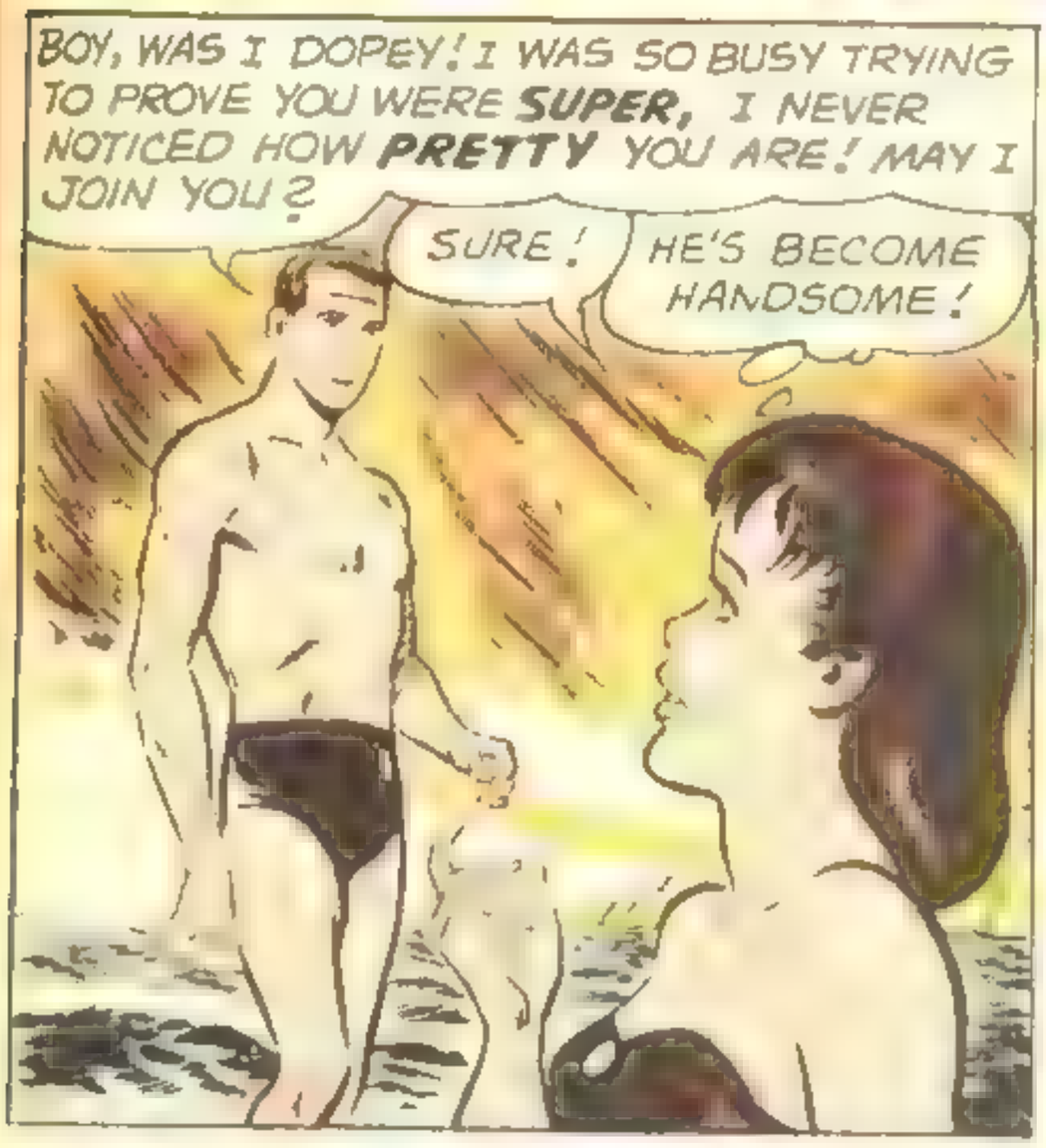
Then came Linda's graduation from Midvale High, in issue 318. And this story told how she won a scholarship and started a new phase of her life at Stanhope College, while Dick Malverne went to nearby State Tech on a science scholarship.

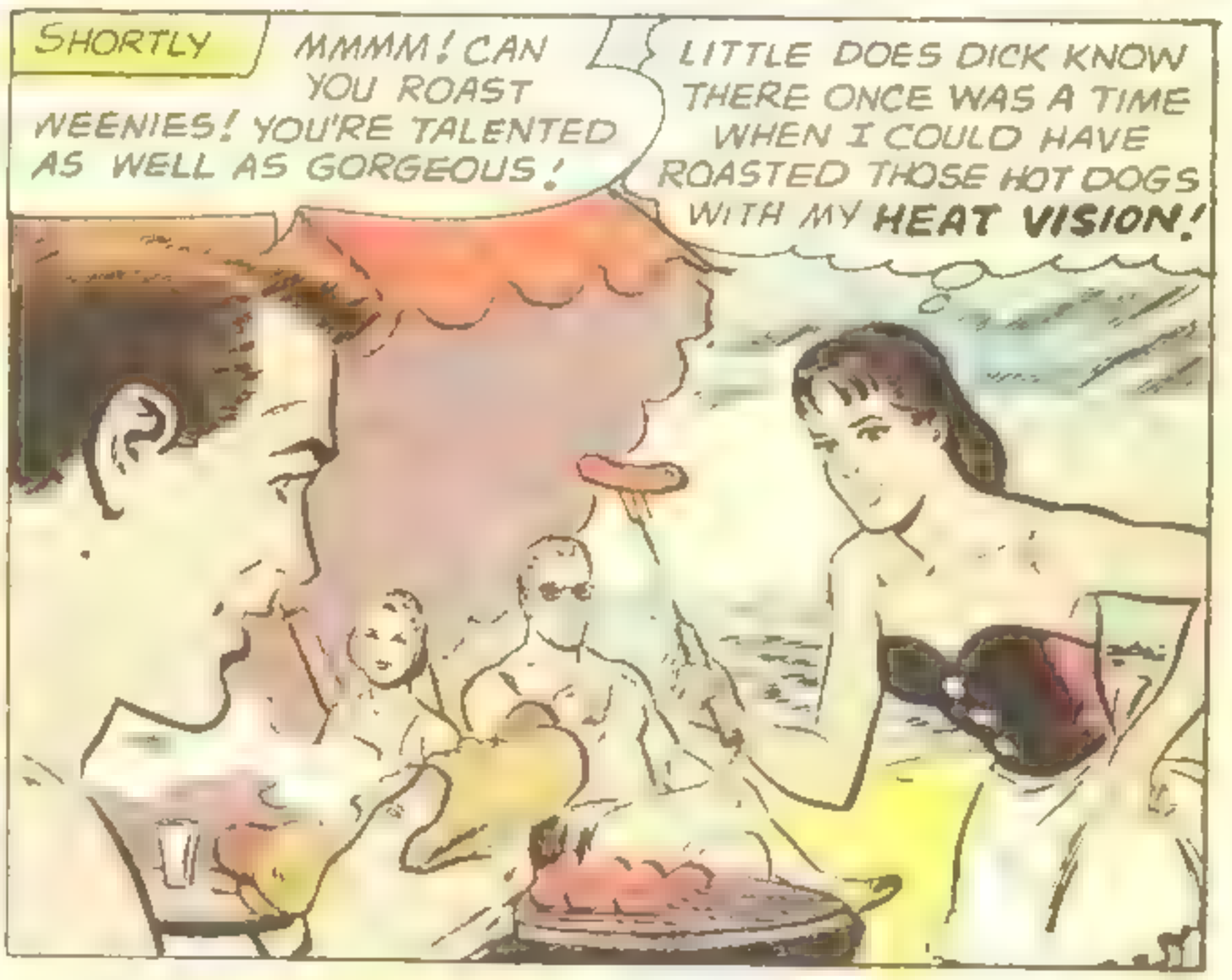
And so we come to the situation as it is today. What new twists will Supergirl's life take? The only way to find out is by keeping up with her adventures in every issue of ACTION COMICS.

PART 4 "The THREE RED 'K' PERILS!"




THE NAME IS NOW DICK MALVERNE! I'VE BEEN ADOPTED, TOO! --HA, HA! REMEMBER WHEN I SUSPECTED YOU WERE SECRETLY A SUPERGIRL? I SURE FELT SILLY WHEN I WAS PROVED WRONG!
IT WASN'T EASY TO OUTWIT HIM!


BOY, WAS I DOPEY! I WAS SO BUSY TRYING TO PROVE YOU WERE SUPER, I NEVER NOTICED HOW PRETTY YOU ARE! MAY I JOIN YOU?
SURE!
HE'S BECOME HANDSOME!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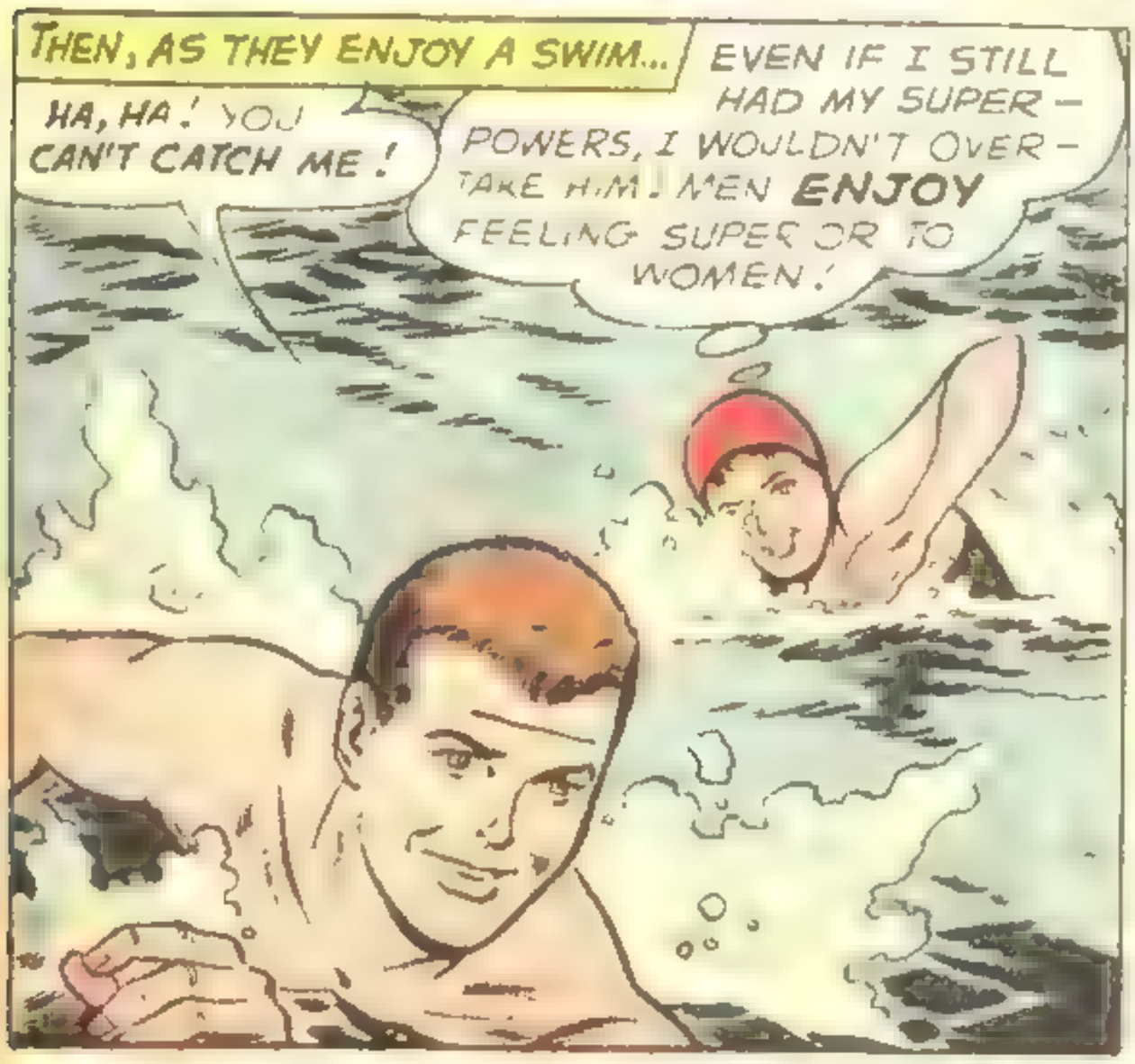
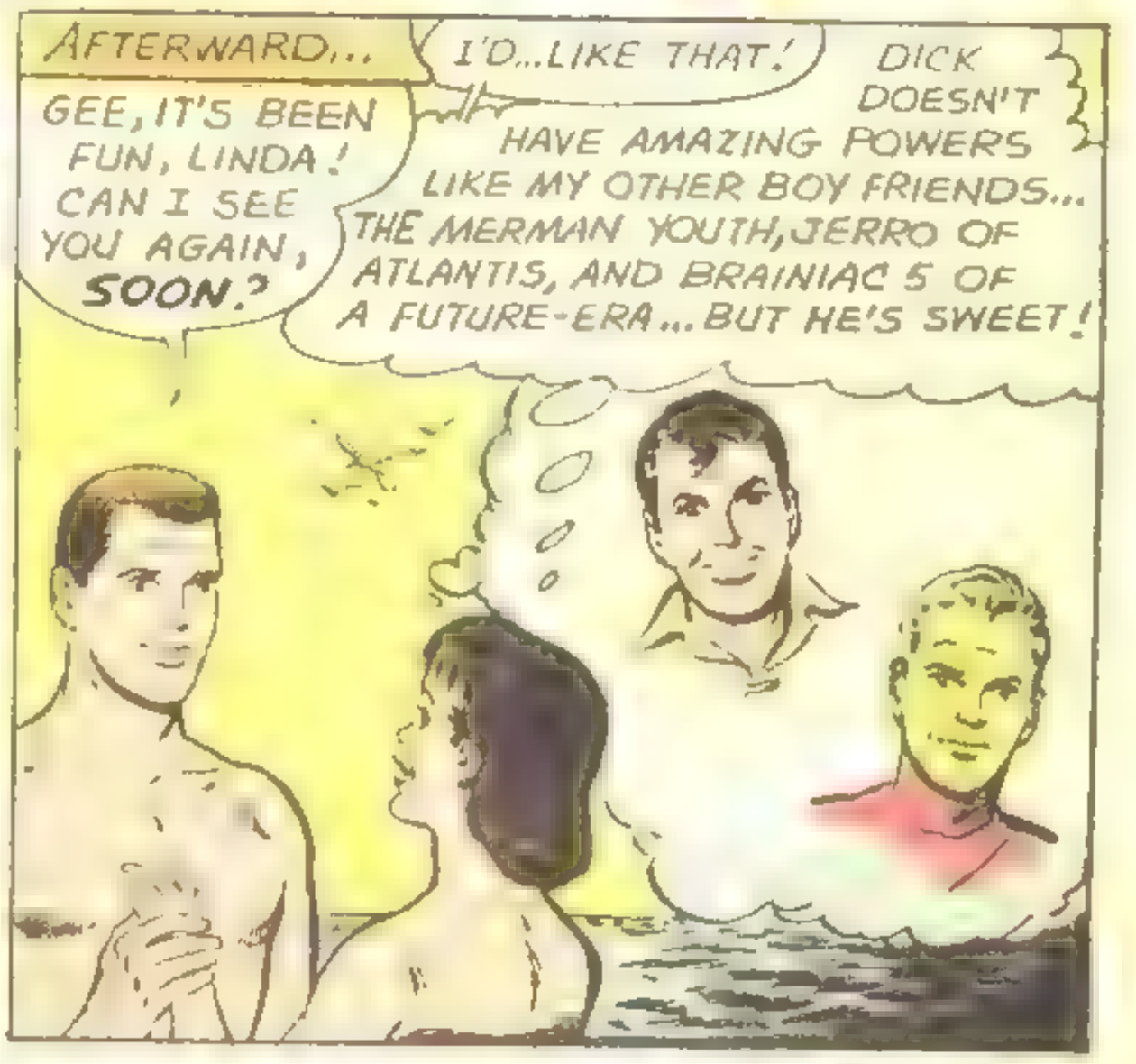
MMMM! CAN YOU ROAST WEENIES! YOU'RE TALENTED AS WELL AS GORGEOUS!
LITTLE DOES DICK KNOW THERE ONCE WAS A TIME WHEN I COULD HAVE ROASTED THOSE HOT DOGS WITH MY HEAT VISION!


THEN, AS THEY ENJOY A SWIM...
HA, HA! YOU CAN'T CATCH ME!
EVEN IF I STILL HAD MY SUPER-POWERS, I WOULDN'T OVER-TAKE HIM! MEN ENJOY FEELING SUPERIOR TO WOMEN!


AFTERWARD...
I'D...LIKE THAT!
GEE, IT'S BEEN FUN, LINDA! CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN, SOON?
DICK DOESN'T HAVE AMAZING POWERS LIKE MY OTHER BOY FRIENDS... THE MERMAN YOUTH, JERRO OF ATLANTIS, AND BRAINIAC 5 OF A FUTURE-ERA... BUT HE'S SWEET!

AT NIGHTFALL, LINDA DECIDES...

I'M NOT A SUPERGIRL ANYMORE, SO WHY SHOULD I CLING TO SYMBOLS OF THE PAST, LIKE THIS **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME? I'LL GET RID OF IT!

LATER, AT AN ABANDONED WELL ON A FARM...

I'LL WRAP MY COSTUME AROUND A STONE AND DROP IT INTO THE WELL! WAIT! I'LL DON IT ONE **LAST** TIME!

AND AS SHE YIELDS TO THE SENTIMENTAL IMPULSE...

MY BODY FEELS VIBRANTLY STRONG, JUST AS IT DID WHEN I WAS **SUPER-POWERFUL!**... AM I... IMAGINING IT!?!

BUT THEN SHE OBSERVES...

GREAT SCOTT! MY FINGERS, RESTING ON THE EDGE OF THE WELL, DUG **DEEP** IMPRESSIONS IN THE STONE! I C-COULD ONLY DO THAT IF I HAVE **SUPER-STRENGTH!**

AN INSTANT LATER...

¡GASP!... IT'S TRUE! MY TREMENDOUS STRENGTH **HAS** RETURNED! THIS TRACTOR FEELS AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER!

AND... **I CAN FLY!!** WHAT'S MORE, MY TELE-SCOPIC VISION SEES **SUPERMAN** STREAKING ALONG ON PATROL!... I'LL JOIN HIM, AT ONCE, AND TELL HIM THIS SIMPLY **MARVELOUS** NEWS!

COOOO

PRESENTLY...

GREAT GUNS! YOUR SUPER—POWERS HAVE **RETURNED!** TERRIFIC! TELL ME HOW YOU DID IT, **SUPERGIRL!**

IT... IT JUST **HAPPENED! WHY,** I DON'T KNOW!

NEXT MOMENT...

OWWW!

A **GREEN KRYPTONITE** METEOR, FROM OUTER SPACE, BELOW! IT'S THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN KILL **SUPERMAN** AND ME! B-BUT IT ISN'T AFFECTING **ME** AT ALL! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

MIGHTILY, THE **GIRL OF STEEL** STREAKS DOWN AFTER HER COMPANION, THEN...

CAUGHT YOU! DON'T WORRY, **SUPERMAN!** I'LL SAVE YOU!

OWWWW! IT'S IM-IMPOSSIBLE!

AND, AS SHE FLIES HIM TO A SAFE DISTANCE...

THE RADIATIONS FROM THAT **GREEN KRYPTONITE** METEOR ALMOST DESTROYED ME! BUT WHY DIDN'T IT AFFECT **YOU?**

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE'S RAISED THE KRYPTONITE METEOR, UNHARMED, WITH HER BARE HANDS, AND NOW SHE'S SLAMMING IT DOWN INTO THE EARTH!

IT'LL TRAVEL MILES DOWNWARD, WHERE ITS RADIATIONS WON'T MENACE **SUPERMAN** AGAIN!

AND AS **SUPERGIRL** REJOINS **SUPERMAN**...

HOW DID YOUR SUPER-POWERS RETURN? HOW CAN YOU **POSSIBLY** BE **IMMUNE** TO KRYPTONITE??

I HONESTLY **DON'T KNOW!** I'M PUZZLED, TOO!

IN KANDOR, EVIL LESLA-LAR ALSO, IS AMAZED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, EITHER! HMMM! I STOLE AWAY THAT SUPER-SNIP'S POWERS ONCE BEFORE! I'LL DO IT AGAIN!

BUT AS THE SINISTER KANDORIAN GIRL SCIENTIST AIMS HER RAY TOWARD SUPERGIRL ON EARTH...

;GASP!; THIS IS CRAZY! SHE'S STILL FLYING! COMPLETELY UNAFFECTED BY MY RAY! THIS DEFIES SCIENCE... DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, LESLA-LAR!

METHODICALLY, THE KANDORIAN POLICE DESTROY HER EQUIPMENT.

WE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED, LESLA-LAR! OUR DETECTORS REVEALED YOU'VE BEEN USING FORBIDDEN RAYS!

;CHOKE; MY DREAMS OF CONQUERING EARTH ARE... ENDED...

SIMULTANEOUSLY, ON EARTH, IN THE CELL OF LUTHOR, SUPERMAN'S ARCH-FOE...

WITHOUT A CERTAIN CHEMICAL ELEMENT THAT DOESN'T EXIST ON EARTH, THE KRYPTONITE-RAY PLAN GIVEN TO ME BY THAT SUPERGIRL FROM ANOTHER WORLD IS WORTHLESS! WHY DOESN'T SHE COME TO SEE ME AGAIN? WHY? WHY??

MEANWHILE... SINCE SUPERGIRL HAS ALL MY POWERS, BUT IS ALSO INVULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE, SHE IS NOW MIGHTIER THAN I AM! PERHAPS IT WOULD BE UNFAIR OF ME TO ASK HER TO CONTINUE BEING MY "SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON"...

ACTUALLY, NOW THAT SHE'S SUPERIOR TO ME, MAYBE OUR RELATIONSHIP OUGHT TO BE REVERSED! PERHAPS I SHOULD BECOME HER ASSISTANT!

FOR THE AMAZING EXPLANATION OF HOW THIS CAME ABOUT, LET'S LOOK A SHORT TIME AGO INTO THE PAST, WHEN MR. **MXYZPTLK, SUPERMAN'S** MISCHIEVOUS FOE FROM THE 5TH DIMENSION, MATERIALIZED IN OUR WORLD...

WHAT A SCHEME I'VE GOT!!

I'LL **HUMILIATE SUPERMAN** BY MAKING A MERE SLIP OF A GIRL **MIGHTIER** THAN HE! HMM.. WHOM SHALL IT BE? ONE OF THOSE TWO GIRLS, BELOW? NO! NEITHER OF THEM INTERESTS ME!

BY A TWIST OF FATE, **MXYZPTLK** HAD SIGHTED LINDA WEARING HER **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME - ;CHUCKLE; THAT PRETTY GIRL! SHE'S PLAY-ACTING, IN THAT MASQUERADE COSTUME!...**GIRL,** I HEREBY MAKE YOU **GREATER** THAN **SUPERMAN** BY MAGICALLY GIVING YOU ALL HIS POWERS--AND I ALSO WISH THAT YOU BE **INVULNERABLE** TO KRYPTONITE!

MR. **MXYZPTLK** LEFT OUR WORLD, LITTLE REALIZING THE GIRL HE'D MADE GREATER THAN **SUPERMAN** IS ACTUALLY **SUPERMAN'S OWN COUSIN!...** LESLA-LAR'S MYSTERY-RAY, OF COURSE, HAD NO EFFECT ON **SUPERGIRL'S** NEW POWERS BECAUSE THEY WERE MAGICAL! I'LL NOW RETURN TO MY OWN DIMENSION BY SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS...**KLTPZYXM!** BUT THIS **SPECIAL** SPELL WON'T VANISH WHEN I DO, AS MY MAGIC USUALLY DOES!

NEXT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL, LINDA CHANGES TO DYNAMIC **SUPERGIRL**...

I'LL VISIT **SUPERMAN!** HE TOLD ME HE'D BE IN HIS FORTRESS TODAY! I'LL FLY SO FAST, I WON'T BE SEEN!

OFF TO **SUPERMAN'S** ARCTIC SANCTUM, **SUPERGIRL** STREAKS, BUT AS SHE ARRIVES...

YOU'RE... LEAVING?

YES. I'M GOING TO TRAVEL INTO THE FUTURE THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO VISIT THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!** GOODBYE!

HE'S...VANISHING!...I'M BORED! I WISH I COULD **DO** SOMETHING **INTERESTING**!...WAIT! I'M GETTING A **TERRIFIC** IDEA...!

UP INTO OUTER SPACE SHE FLASHES..

SUPERMAN'S VULNERABLE TO **KRYPTONITE**, BUT I'M **NOT**! I'LL SCOUT AROUND AND SEE IF I CAN FIND ANY **KRYPTONITE** THAT MIGHT MENACE HIM SOMEDAY...

SHORTLY...

AH...A SWARM OF **THREE RED KRYPTONITE** METEORS! **RED KRYPTONITE** ALWAYS AFFECTS ANY SUPER-BEING FROM **KRYPTON** STRANGELY ...BUT ONLY FOR A TEMPORARY TIME!

OF COURSE, IT CAN NO LONGER HARM **ME**, BUT IT COULD MAKE THINGS VERY UNPLEASANT FOR **SUPERMAN** OR **KRYPTO**! HMM...I'LL RAM THE **THREE** METEORS TOGETHER, THEN FUSE THEM WITH **HEAT VISION**, FORMING ONE **BIG** METEOR...

FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, **SUPERGIRL** CRASHES THROUGH THE METEOR...

I STRUCK IT WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS FORCE THAT ITS ATOMIC STRUCTURE IS COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATED! IT CAN NO LONGER MENACE MY FRIENDS!

BUT NOW I'M BORED AGAIN! WHAT'LL I DO NEXT?...OH, YES! THE MIDVALE FAIR!.. I HAVE A DATE TO MEET DICK THERE!

LATER, AS THE GIRL OF STEEL CHANGES TO HER LINDA IDENTITY, AND ENTERS THE FAIR...

STRANGE... I FEEL A TINGLING ALL OVER!

SUDDENLY, TO HER HORROR...

?... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? ULP! I'M GROWING MONSTROUSLY B-BIG!... THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION! IT'S A DELAYED REACTION CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO ONE OF THE THREE RED KRYPTONITE METEORS I DESTROYED!

MY DRESS IS... EXPANDING! IT, TOO, MUST HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE RED KRYPTONITE AURA, ENGULFING ME!.. WHAT IRONY! THOUGH INVULNERABLE TO GREEN KRYPTONITE, I'M STILL AFFECTED BY RED KRYPTONITE!

THE INCREDIBLE EXPLANATION IS... WHEN MR. MXYZPTLK GAVE SUPERGIRL FANTASTIC POWERS AND MADE HER INVULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE, HE HAD VISUALIZED GREEN KRYPTONITE, FORGETTING TO INCLUDE RED KRYPTONITE IN HIS MENTAL COMMAND...!

...BE INVULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE!

I HEAR FOOTSTEPS! SOMEONE'S APPROACHING!... MUST ACT QUICKLY, BEFORE I'M DISCOVERED LOOKING LIKE THIS!... HMM... THAT ROPE GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL TIE IT TO MYSELF!

AS THE ULTRA-FAT SUPERGIRL FLIES UPWARD...

SOME BOYS HAVE GRABBED ONTO THE OTHER END OF THE ROPE! GOOD! AS I PLANNED, I'M BEING MISTAKEN FOR ONE OF THE PARADE'S BIG, FLOATING BALLOON FIGURES!

HA, HA!

:CHOKE:...THIS IS...HUMILIATING!...OH, NO! MY TELESCOPIC VISION SIGHTS **DICK MALVERNE** BELOW! HE'S CARRYING SOME BINOCULARS, AND HE'S ABOUT TO LOOK AT THE BALLOONS THROUGH THEM!

AWP!...HE'S ABSENT-MINDEDLY RAISING THE **WRONG END** OF THE BINOCULARS TOWARD HIS EYES! IF HE LOOKS THROUGH **THAT** END, AT ME, THE LENSES WILL OPTICALLY **REDUCE** THE SIZE OF MY FANTASTICALLY FAT BODY...

..SO THAT I'LL **APPEAR SMALL** TO HIM! HE'LL RECOGNIZE ME! ONCE AGAIN HE MAY SUSPECT I'M A SUPER-GIRL...FLYING UNDER MY OWN POWER! HE MAY EVEN GUESS **RED KRYPTONITE** HAS MADE ME SUPER-FAT!

H-HOW CAN I GET OUT OF THIS TIGHT SPOT?... WAIT! I-I'VE GOT IT! A POWERFUL GUST OF SUPER-BREATH WILL DO THE TRICK!

JUST AS DICK IS ABOUT TO LOOK THROUGH HIS BINOCULARS...

DRAT! WIND--BLEW DUST--IN MY FACE!... CAN'T SEE!

BAH! WE LOST OUR GRIP ON THE ROPE!

THE WIND IS BLOWING THE BALLOON AWAY!

AFTER LINDA ALIGHTS IN A DESERTED SECTION, BEYOND VIEW...

I'M **SHRINKING** DOWN TO MY NORMAL SIZE!... HM-MM! THERE WERE **THREE RED KRYPTONITE** METEORS IN THAT SWARM! THAT MEANS I'M DOOMED TO BE WEIRDLY AFFECTED **TWO MORE TIMES!!**... WHAT **N-NEXT?!!**

WHEN DICK WALKS LINDA HOME FROM A DATE THAT EVENING . . .

GEE, I HAD A SWELL TIME, LINDA! I'LL CALL YOU SOON!

GOODNIGHT, DICK! I ENJOYED MYSELF, TOO!

AN HOUR LATER...

I LIKE DICK A LOT! HE SHOULD BE HOME BY NOW! I'LL TAKE ONE MORE LOOK AT HIM WITH MY SUPER-VISION!

WHAT LINDA'S SUPER-SIGHT AND SUPER-HEARING DETECT IN THE MALVERNE HOME...

TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG, JENNIE!

POOR MR. MALVERNE CONTRACTED A RARE DISEASE, AND IT'S GIVEN HIM A CASE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS! MRS. MALVERNE AND HER SON ARE AT MIDVALE HOSPITAL WITH HIM!

AS LINDA PEERS INTO MIDVALE HOSPITAL...

I'LL BE FRANK, MRS. MALVERNE! UNLESS YOUR HUSBAND WAKES UP SOON, HE MAY BE DOOMED! WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WE CAN TRY THE NEW "MIRACLE" SERUM, **SPRACOLICIN** ON HIM! BUT... THIS CASE IS...PRACTICALLY HOPELESS...

PLEASE **TRY**...!

IF ONLY I COULD AID THEM! BUT EVEN **SUPERGIRL** IS HELPLESS IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS!...WHAT...? I-I FEEL THAT TINGLING AGAIN! GREAT SCOTT! I'D BETTER CHANGE INTO MY **SUPERGIRL** COSTUME RIGHT AWAY!

¡GULP!¡...I'M BEING AFFECTED BY THE **THIRD RED KRYPTONITE** METEOR NOW! I'M SHRINKING!

... SMALLER AND SMALLER!

... WAIT... I'VE GOT AN IDEA... PERHAPS MY TINY SIZE CAN HELP ME SAVE MR. MALVERNE!

AS THE GIRL OF STEEL CONTINUES TO DWINDLE, SHE FLIES TOWARD MIDVALE HOSPITAL...

I'M AS TINY AS A PEBBLE NOW, AND **STILL** SHRINKING... I'LL FLY INTO MR. MALVERNE'S ROOM!

SHORTLY...

NOW I'M A **SPECK**... BUT STILL IN COMMAND OF SUPER-POWERS! DOWN INTO THE OPEN BLOOD-TRANSFUSION FLASK I GO, INTO HIS MAIN ARTERY...! I'LL ENTER MR. MALVERNE'S BLOOD STREAM, IN THE WEIRDEST MISSION I'VE EVER ATTEMPTED!

DOWN THROUGH THE TRANSFUSION-TUBE, INTO THE STRICKEN BODY, SHE STREAKS...

THOSE CRIMSON DISKS ARE **ERYTHROCYTES**... RED BLOOD CELLS! NOW TO EXPOSE THE ARTERIES UNTIL I FIND THE DANGEROUS GERMS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MR. MALVERNE'S CONDITION!

UPON REACHING HER GOAL...

UH-OH! THERE'S MY QUARRY! THOSE BAD BACTERIAL MONSTERS ARE OVERWHELMING THE GOOD **LEUKOCYTE** WHITE BLOOD CELLS, WHOSE PURPOSE IT IS TO DEFEND THE BLOODSTREAM AGAINST ALL INVADERS. I'LL **HELP** THE WHITE CELLS!

IN SPEEDS **SUPERGIRL**, HER MIGHTY, FLASHING FISTS DESTROYING THE VIRULENT BACTERIA...

ONE GIRL, AGAINST MILLIONS OF MONSTERS! CAN I WIN THIS GREAT BATTLE?... I **MUST**! OR MR. MALVERNE WILL DIE!

SOON... I...WON! THE WHITE CELLS ARE NOW FREE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES!... ULP! I'M TINGLING ALL OVER! THE RED KRYPTONITE'S EFFECT IS WEARING OFF! I MUST FLY OUT OF HERE IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE I BECOME ENLARGED!

OUT OF THE BODY SHE SPEEDS, BACK UP THROUGH THE TRANSFUSION-TUBE, THEN HOME, BARELY IN TIME...

WHEW! JUST MADE IT! I'M GROWING BACK TO MY NORMAL SIZE AGAIN!

LATER, SHE SECRETLY OBSERVES...

HE'S AWAKENED! WONDERFUL!

THE SPARACOLICIN SERUM WAS SUCCESSFUL! WHAT A SHAME OUR SUPPLY WAS THE ONLY AMOUNT OF IT IN EXISTENCE, AND THE FORMULA HAS JUST BEEN DESTROYED IN A FIRE!

THEY'LL NEVER KNOW I SAVED MR. MALVERNE'S LIFE! HM-MM! I WONDER! IN WHAT STRANGE MANNER WILL THE OTHER RED KRYPTONITE METEOR AFFECT ME?!

TO FIND OUT, SEE PART 5...

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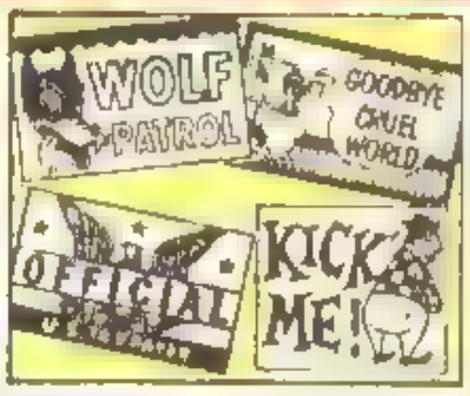

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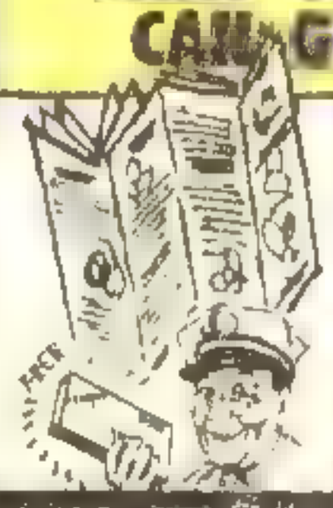

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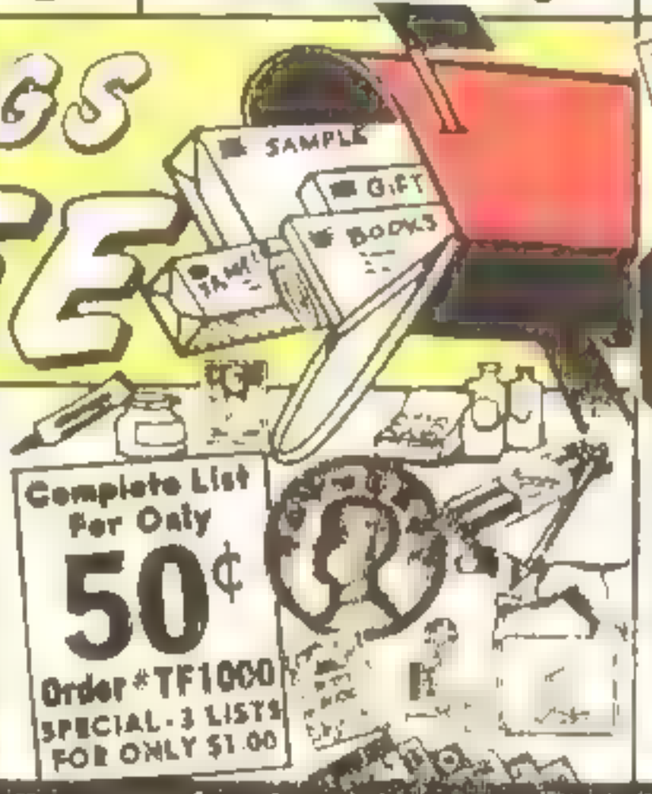

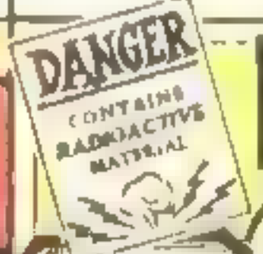

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The word is out! Dynamic Changes are coming at DC! For example, there's the SECRET SIX! Originally, we had this great new action group set for a lead spot in THE UNEXPECTED . . . but now it's been switched to its own magazine! Watch for the first issue—April-May—on sale in February! And that's only the beginning of the fabulous new features coming from DC! Meanwhile, here's the latest lineup of hits!

Of all Earth's teeming millions, HAL JORDAN was singled out by a dying **GREEN LANTERN** to be his successor! but was there another candidate who could—or SHOULD—have been selected? This intriguing "What If" question is amazingly answered in "EARTH'S OTHER GREEN LANTERN!" **March** issue, **No. 59,** on sale Jan. 11!

Suppose, instead of becoming SUPERMAN'S pal, **JIMMY OLSEN** had teamed up with the MAN OF STEEL'S arch-enemy, LUTHOR? To see what MIGHT have happened, read the shock-a-minute IMAGINARY EPIC in the **March** issue, **No. 109.** . . and witness LUTHOR'S scheme to alter destiny, so JIMMY will kill SUPERMAN! On sale Jan.11.

Prepare for the shock of your life, as the MANHUNTER FROM MARS unmasks FACELESS! And what a revelation it turns out to be! As for ROBBY REED, in DIAL H FOR HERO, his fabulous H-DIAL produces a pack of VILLAINOUS characters this time 'round! It's all in the **April** HOUSE OF MYSTERY, **No. 173,** on sale Jan. 11!

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You'll be stunned when you see the startling change that comes over MOM and DAD KENT. . . a change that will forever alter their lives! What's more, the transformation is PERMANENT! Not even their adopted son, **SUPERBOY,** can restore them to normal! How does it happen. . . and why? See the **March** issue, **No. 145,** on sale Jan. 2!

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PART 5 "The SUPER-MERMAID!"

LATER, AS LINDA VIEWS A TELECAST...

HMM... I WONDER HOW THE THIRD RED KRYPTONITE METEOR WILL AFFECT ME?

FARMERS' CROPS ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THE LONG DROUGHT... THIS CONCLUDES OUR NEWSCAST...

CHANGING TO HER DYNAMIC IDENTITY OF SUPERGIRL, LINDA FLIES TO THE FARM AREA...

I'VE BLOWN RAIN-CLOUDS INTO THIS AREA, WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, AND NOW I'M CAUSING THEM TO COLLIDE! -- LET THERE BE RAIN!

AS RAIN FALLS AND DRENCHES HER, AND SHE FEELS A FAMILIAR TINGLING...

!!... THE DELAYED EFFECT OF THE THIRD, FINAL RED KRYPTONITE METEOR HAS CH-CHANGED ME... ¡GULP!¿... INTO A -- SUPER-MERMAID!!

SECONDS LATER, AS SHE STREAKS DOWN INTO THE OCEAN...

AS LONG AS I LOOK LIKE THIS, I MIGHT AS WELL VISIT MY YOUNG MERMAN FRIEND, JERRO, IN SUNKEN ATLANTIS!

"WHEN THE SCIENTISTS OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS LEARNED THE ISLAND WAS SINKING INTO THE SEA, THEY CONSTRUCTED A HUGE GLASS DOME..."

THE DOME SHALL KEEP OUT THE SEA!

"YEARS LATER, THEIR SCIENTISTS FOUND A WAY TO CHANGE THE ATLANTIDES INTO MERMEN AND MERMAIDS..."

SMASH THE DOME! WE DO NOT NEED IT ANY LONGER! FROM NOW ON THE SEA IS OUR HOME!

SHORTLY, IN ATLANTIS, AS SHE LOCATES HER FRIEND, WHO, LIKE ALL ATLANTIDES, CAN READ MINDS AND SEND MENTAL MESSAGES...

JERRO'S WORKING ON THAT WEIRD MARINE FARM WITH A LOVELY MERMAID!

SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE BECOME A SUPER-MERMAID!!— YOU'RE... BEAUTIFUL!

AND AS JERRO LEARNS HOW THE AMAZING TRANSFORMATION OCCURRED...

THIS IS LENORA... THE SISTER OF LORI LEMARIS!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

ALL ATLANTIDES KNOW AND ADMIRE YOU! WELCOME TO ATLANTIS!

BUT AS JERRO SWIMS OFF WITH SUPER-MERMAID...

;CHOKE!; --HE ADORES HER! LITTLE DOES JERRO KNOW HOW OFTEN I'VE SHIELDED MY THOUGHTS SO HE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW HOPELESSLY I LOVE HIM...

UNHAPPILY, LENORA TRAILS THE TWO, AS THEY SWIM PAST ATLANTIDE VEHICLES PROPELLED BY WATER JETS...

NOW THEY'RE GREETING LORI!--;CHOKE; IF ONLY JERRO LOVED ME, AS I LOVE... HIM...

PRESENTLY, IN AN ATLANTEAN MUSEUM...

NOW JERRO'S SHOWING SUPER-MERMAID A MINIATURE REPRODUCTION OF HOW ATLANTIS LOOKED BEFORE IT SANK!... HE'S WATCHING HER SO WORSHIPFULLY! WHAT'S HE "SAYING" TO HER NOW?... OH... NO!

WHAT **LENORA** TELEPATHICALLY "OVERHEARS"...

I LOVE YOU, **SUPER-MERMAID!** PLEASE MARRY ME!

¡GASP! THIS IS SO SUDDEN!

AS **LENORA** SWIMS OFF, BROKENHEARTED..

I NEED TIME TO THINK OVER YOUR PROPOSAL, **JERRO!**

I'VE BEEN TELEPATHICALLY AWARE OF YOUR ATTRACTION FOR YOUR FRIEND ON THE SURFACE WORLD, DICK MALVERNE! HE'S A FINE CHAP, BUT I LOVE YOU--MADLY!

SOON, AS **LENORA** CONFIDES IN HER SISTER...

¡SOB! **LORI**, I LOVE HIM, AND HE D-DOESN'T **CARE!**

DON'T GIVE UP! **SUPER-MERMAID** WILL REMAIN ONLY A SHORT WHILE! **JERRO** MAY YET LEARN TO LOVE YOU!

LATER... **JERRO! LENORA** LEFT THIS NOTE! SHE'S RUN AWAY, BECAUSE YOU DON'T LOVE HER! SHE BEGS YOU NOT TO FOLLOW... BUT I HAVE A PREMONITION SHE'S IN DANGER!

MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS YOU'RE RIGHT, **LORI!**

¡GASP! I SEE HER MENACED BY **GIANT HANDS!** WHAT--??

IT'S **"THE VALLEY OF HANDS!"**

CENTURIES AGO, WE WERE INVADED BY GIANTS FROM OUTER SPACE! OUR WEAPONS COULDN'T DESTROY THEM, BUT THE GIANTS SANK...

...INTO THE VALLEY'S BOGS, ONLY THEIR UPRAISED HANDS REMAINING IN VIEW! THEY'LL LIVE IN THAT TRAPPED STATE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS MORE! LENORA MUST'VE BLUNDERED INTO THE VALLEY, WHILE DISTRACTED BY HER UNHAPPY THOUGHTS!

STREAKING INTO THE PERILOUS VALLEY, **SUPER-MERMAID** FORCES OPEN THE FINGERS OF A MASSIVE HAND, AS IT CLOSES ABOUT TERRIFIED LENORA..

HANDS OFF THAT MERMAID, YOU BIG APE!

SUPER-MERMAID!! I...OWE MY LIFE TO YOU!!

NO SOONER DOES SHE SWIM **LENORA** TO SAFETY THAN SHE FELLS A TINGLING, AND...

THE **RED KRYPTONITE'S** EFFECT WORE OFF, AND I'VE RETURNED TO MY NORMAL FORM! I'LL DECIDE ABOUT YOUR PROPOSAL LATER, **JERRO!**

I MAY YET WIN **JERRO!**

AS **SUPERGIRL** STREAKS OUT OF THE OCEAN, SHE INVESTIGATES...

OW! THAT **GREEN KRYPTONITE** METEOR FLASHING DOWN FROM OUTER SPACE IS PAINING ME AS IT HURTLES BY! GOSH, I THOUGHT I HAD BECOME INVULNERABLE TO **GREEN KRYPTONITE...?!**

MATERIALIZING OUT OF THE TIME-BARRIER, AFTER RETURNING FROM HIS VISIT TO THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** IN THE FUTURE, **SUPERMAN** EXPLAINS...

WHILE RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, I OVERSHOT MY MARK AND ARRIVED...

...A FEW DAYS IN THE PAST! I OBSERVED **MR. MXYZPTLK** SECRETLY GIVING **YOU** MAGIC SUPER-POWERS! EVIDENTLY HIS MAGIC'S WORN OFF AND YOUR OWN ORIGINAL SUPER-POWERS HAVE RETURNED! THAT'S WHY GREEN KRYPTONITE AGAIN AFFECTS YOU!

PART 6 "THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE!"

AS THE COUSINS LAND NEAR MIDVALE...

YOU'VE BEEN A SPLENDID "SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON", **SUPERGIRL!** BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE YOUR SUPER-POWERS WISELY, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR FOR ME TO KEEP YOUR EXISTENCE A SECRET ANY LONGER!

OH, HOW WONDERFUL, **SUPERMAN!** I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

AND SO I'LL PUBLICLY REVEAL YOUR EXISTENCE! FIRST, HOWEVER, WE'LL DISCLOSE IT TO YOUR FOSTER-PARENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT YOU, THEIR ADOPTED DAUGHTER, LINDA, ARE **SUPERGIRL'S** SECRET IDENTITY!

I'M SO HAPPY!

I'LL MEET YOU AT 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT! WE'LL TELL THEM TOGETHER! BUT NOW I MUST RESUME MY PATROL OF **METROPOLIS!**

SUPERMAN'S SUCH A DEAR! I REALIZE NOW HOW WISE HE WAS TO DELAY ANNOUNCING MY EXISTENCE UNTIL I WAS REALLY **READY!**

SHORTLY, AS **SUPERGIRL** CHANGES TO HER LINDA LEE DANVERS IDENTITY, AND RETURNS HOME...

I CAN HARDLY KEEP FROM BLURTING OUT MY BIG SECRET TO MY FOLKS!... IT SEEMS LIKE 9 O'CLOCK WILL **NEVER** COME!

EDNA, THEY'RE SHOWING A REVIVAL OF A GREAT MOVIE I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE, BUT MISSED! WOULD YOU AND LINDA LIKE TO GO? IT'S PLAYING IN **METROPOLIS!**

GOOD IDEA!

WE SHOULD BE BACK BY 9 O'CLOCK!

EN ROUTE TO **METROPOLIS**, AS THE DANVERS' FAMILY CAR DRIVES OVER AN OLD BRIDGE...

YIII!—

THE BRIDGE IS COLLAPSING!

W-WE'LL BE **KILLED!**

OUT OF THE FALLING VEHICLE FLASHES LINDA...

MUST ACT PROMPTLY, OR MOM AND DAD WILL DIE!

CAUGHT THE FALLING CAR! NOW TO FLY IT BACK TO SAFETY!

MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

THEY'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!

JUMPING JEHOSOPHAT! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

LINDA **CAUGHT THE CAR** AND FLEW US HERE!

I SAVED THEM...BUT IN SO DOING, I DISOBEYED **SUPERMAN**'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO REVEAL MY EXISTENCE AS **SUPERGIRL** UNTIL THE AGREED TIME!

;CHOKE;

LINDA! YOU'RE **SUPER-STRONG!** YOU CAN **FLY!**

NO ORDINARY HUMAN COULD DO THOSE THINGS! WE'RE GRATEFUL YOU SAVED OUR LIVES... BUT WE'RE YOUR PARENTS, DEAR, AND WE'RE ENTITLED TO AN EXPLANATION!

I **CAN'T** EXPLAIN! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO...YET! PLEASE!

EVASION IS SO USELESS! IT'S OBVIOUS I'M A **SUPERGIRL!** ;CHOKE;- WILL **SUPERMAN** NOW DECIDE **NOT** TO ANNOUNCE MY EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD?

SUDDENLY... IT'S ALL RIGHT, LINDA! TELL YOUR PARENTS **EVERYTHING!**

SUPERMAN! WHAT...?!

SUPERMAN DOESN'T LOOK ANGRY!

I FINISHED MY PATROL EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, LINDA, AND WAS FLYING TOWARD YOUR HOME WHEN I SIGHTED THE RESCUE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!... NATURALLY YOU HAD TO SAVE YOUR PARENTS, THOUGH IT MEANT DISCLOSING YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

YOU MEAN...YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT...?

REVEALING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY? OF COURSE NOT! LET'S DO IT **RIGHT NOW!**

"SECRET IDENTITY"? WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

RAPIDLY, LINDA CHANGES TO HER **SUPERGIRL** IDENTITY IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE...

MEET **SUPERGIRL**, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS! YOUR DAUGHTER LINDA IS ACTUALLY MY COUSIN FROM THE DESTROYED PLANET **KRYPTON!**

OH, MY!

GASP!

SEE? SHE HAS SUPER-POWERS AS GREAT AS MINE!

BUT **KRYPTON** EXPLODED WHEN YOU LEFT IT IN A ROCKET SHIP AS A BABY! SINCE **SUPERGIRL**'S MUCH YOUNGER THAN YOU, **HOW** COULD SHE HAVE ESCAPED **KRYPTON'S** DESTRUCTION?

"I'LL EXPLAIN!—MOMENTS AFTER **SUPERMAN**'S PARENTS SENT THEIR CHILD, KAL-EL, TOWARD EARTH IN A MODEL SPACESHIP... **KRYPTON** WAS BLASTED APART BY AN ATOMIC CHAIN-REACTION, AND A CHUNK OF THE PLANET WAS HURLED AWAY UNDER A PLASTIC DOME...

"ARGO CITY WAS ON THAT CHUNK! AMONG ITS PEOPLE WAS SCIENTIST **ZOR-EL**, THE BROTHER OF **SUPERMAN**'S FATHER, **JOR-EL**! THE EXPLOSION WHICH DESTROYED KRYPTON CHANGED THE CHUNK'S GROUND INTO DEADLY **KRYPTONITE**! **ZOR-EL** THEN COVERED THE GROUND WITH **LEAD** SHEET METAL TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE!"

"YEARS LATER, **ZOR-EL** AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY GIRL- **KARA**...**ME**! BUT WHEN I GREW INTO GIRLHOOD, A METEOR-FLOCK SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD, RELEASING **KRYPTONITE** WHICH DOOMED EVERYONE!"

"FOR SOME TIME, MY PARENTS HAD WATCHED **SUPERMAN** ON EARTH THROUGH THEIR SUPER-TELESCOPE! MY MOTHER MADE A SIMILAR COSTUME FOR ME! THEN, I WAS SHOT TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET JUST BEFORE **ARGO CITY** PERISHED!"

UPON REACHING EARTH, THE RAYS OF ITS YELLOW SUN MADE ME A **SUPERGIRL**, AND MY COSTUME BECAME INDESTRUCTIBLE, TOO! SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN **SUPERMAN**'S SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, OFTEN SAVING HIM FROM KRYPTONITE WHEN I WASN'T MASQUERADING AS ORPHAN LINDA LEE. LATER, YOU ADOPTED ME FROM THE ORPHANAGE, AND NOW YOU KNOW... EVERYTHING!

AS **SUPERGIRL** FINISHES HER EXPLANATION...

¡GASP!¡ THEN THE DAUGHTER WE LOVE IS A... **SUPERGIRL**! I'M SO **PROUD**!

I'M ABOUT TO REVEAL **SUPERGIRL**'S EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MUST REALIZE!

YOU MUST **NEVER** REVEAL TO ANYONE THAT YOUR DAUGHTER LINDA IS SECRETLY **SUPERGIRL**! IF THE UNDERWORLD FOUND OUT, THEY'D SEEK TO HARM **SUPERGIRL** BY HURTING **YOU**!

WE UNDERSTAND!

WE'LL **NEVER** BETRAY HER SECRET!

LATER, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DANVERS' HOME...

THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, FOLKS! I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH!

SHE'S DIGGING DOWN OUT OF VIEW!

SWIFTLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL BURROWS A TUNNEL INTO EXISTENCE...

I'LL DIG TOWARD A NEARBY WOODS, WHERE THE EXIT WILL BE SCREENED BY BUSHES!

AFTER COMPLETING THE PROJECT...

NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER OR LEAVE OUR HOME, UNSEEN--AND NO ONE WILL SUSPECT LINDA LEE DANVERS IS...SUPERGIRL!

EXACTLY THE SAME SET-UP I HAD IN SMALLVILLE, WHEN I WAS SUPERBOY!

WE'LL PROTECT YOUR SECRET AND HELP YOU ALL WE CAN, DARLING!

THIS IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED--PARENTS WHO WOULD SHARE MY SECRET!

:CHOKE: I'M REMINDED OF THE HAPPY YOUTH I SPENT WITH MY FOSTER PARENTS, THE KENTS, BEFORE THEY PASSED AWAY!

NEXT MORNING, IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS...

WHEN I THROW THIS SWITCH, ALL OTHER TELECASTS ON EARTH WILL BE CUT OFF AND WE ALONE WILL BE SEEN ON EVERY TELEVISION SCREEN!

I'M READY!

INSTANTS LATER, ON TELEVISION SCREENS EVERYWHERE...

ATTENTION, EVERYONE! SUPERMAN SPEAKING! FOR YEARS, I'VE BEEN AIDED SECRETLY BY AN "EMERGENCY SECRET WEAPON"; NONE OTHER THAN MY LOVELY SUPER-POWERFUL COUSIN, SUPERGIRL! HERE SHE IS!

HELLO, EVERYBODY!

THE AMAZING NEWS BURSTS LIKE A BOMBSHELL, ASTOUNDING VIEWERS ALL OVER THE GLOBE...

SHE'S ADORABLE! I LOVE HER HAIR!

I'M HOLLYWOOD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS! BUT SHE'LL ATTRACT MORE ATTENTION THAN ME!... BAH!

IT'S UNFAIR! PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT MY ACT, KNOWING A YOUNG GIRL IS STRONGER THAN ME!

;GROAN; HOW CAN THIS SNIP OF A CHILD BE MIGHTIER THAN ALL THE SOVIET ATOMIC BOMBS PUT TOGETHER? IT MUST BE A CAPITALISTIC HOAX!

NEXT, SUPERMAN RUNS A TAPE EXPLAINING THE ORIGIN OF SUPERGIRL AND SHOWING SOME OF THE FEATS SHE'D SECRETLY PERFORMED IN THE PAST...

SOME OF THESE SCENES WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY MY ROBOTS WHILE SUPERGIRL AND I WERE IN ACTION TOGETHER! HERE SUPERGIRL, FROM A SAFE DISTANCE, HURLED A BOULDER AT A KRYPTONITE METEOR WITH SUCH POWER THAT THE DEADLY METEOR WAS PULVERIZED OUT OF EXISTENCE, SAVING ME!

RECENTLY, A COMET'S PATH WAS BRINGING IT DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO EARTH! WHY DID IT MYSTERIOUSLY CHANGE ITS COURSE? BECAUSE SUPERGIRL PLUNGED INTO IT, HEADLONG, DEFLECTING IT, THUS PREVENTING A COLLISION!

BUT THOUGH HONEST LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS REJOICE EVERYWHERE, GANGLAND MOURNS...

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH HAVING SUPERMAN AFTER US, BUT NOW--

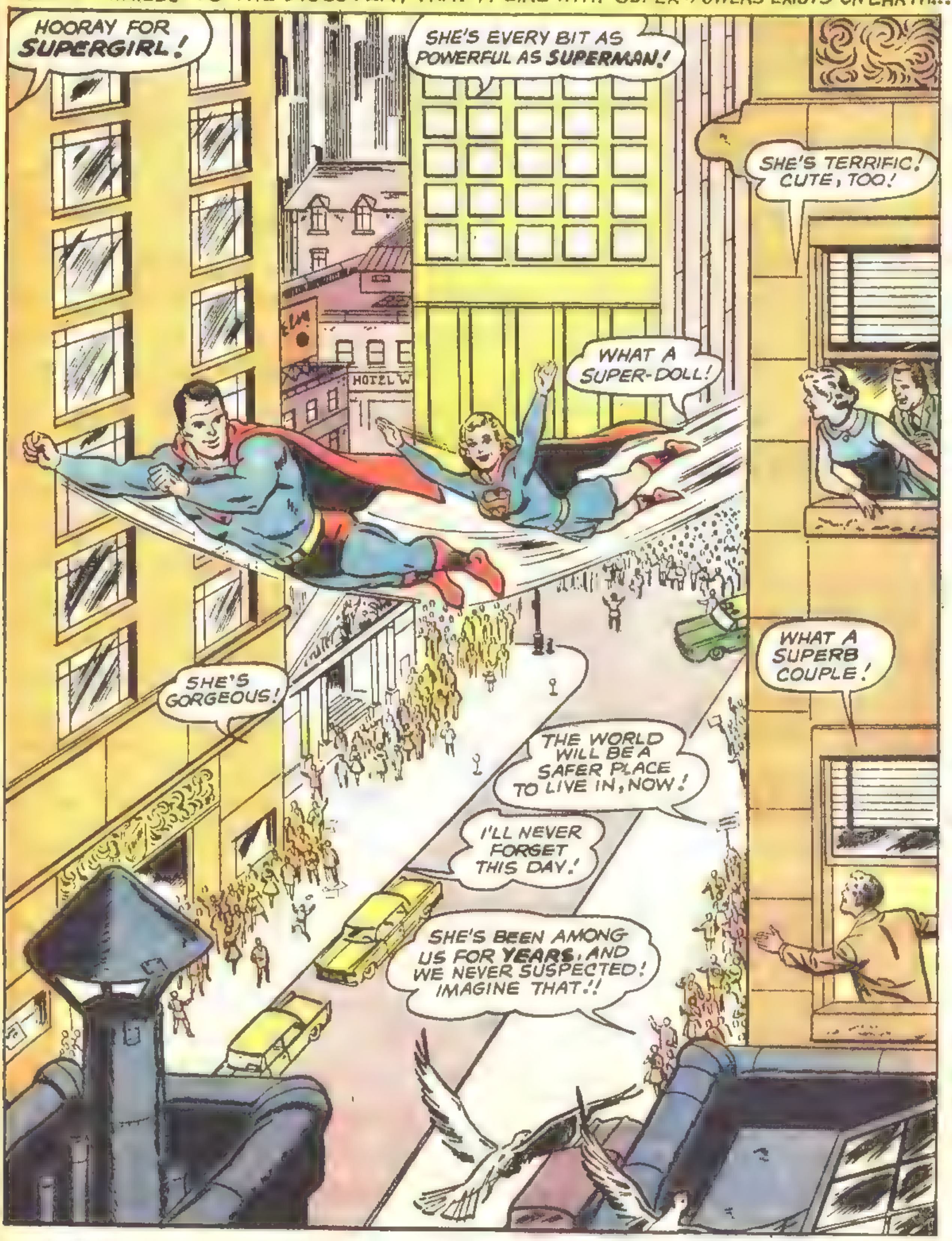
... WE GOTTA WORRY ABOUT A SUPER-DAME, TOO! DISGUSTING, AIN'T IT?

PRISON CELLS BECOME EVEN GLOOMIER...

THE GRAPEVINE SAYS A SUPERGIRL HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED ON EARTH! FORGET OUR PERFECT ESCAPE PLAN!

RIGHT!! IF THAT YOUNG GIRL CAPTURED US, THE OTHER CONS WOULD NEVER STOP RAZZING US!

CONCLUDING THE TELECAST, **SUPERGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN** TOUR THE WORLD TOGETHER TO TUMULTUOUS APPLAUSE! EVERYWHERE, MILLIONS EAGERLY TURN OUT FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE TWO MIGHTIEST CRUSADERS IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE! NEVER BEFORE HAS THERE BEEN SUCH EXCITEMENT, AS THE ENTIRE WORLD THRILLS TO THE DISCOVERY THAT A GIRL WITH SUPER-POWERS EXISTS ON EARTH...


HOORAY FOR SUPERGIRL!
SHE'S EVERY BIT AS POWERFUL AS SUPERMAN!
SHE'S TERRIFIC! CUTE, TOO!
HOTEL W
WHAT A SUPER-DOLL!
SHE'S GORGEOUS!
THE WORLD WILL BE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN, NOW!
I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY!
WHAT A SUPERB COUPLE!
SHE'S BEEN AMONG US FOR YEARS, AND WE NEVER SUSPECTED! IMAGINE THAT!!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DANVERS HOME, AS HER PARENTS ENTERTAIN COMPANY...

SUPERGIRL'S WONDERFUL!

WE'RE SO PROUD! WE'D LIKE TO SHOUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THE **SUPERGIRL** EVERYONE ADMIRES IS **OUR DAUGHTER**...

...BUT WE **MUSTN'T!** WE'VE PROMISED TO TELL NO ONE, AND WE'LL KEEP OUR WORD.., THOUGH IT ISN'T EASY!

I COULD BURST WITH PRIDE! IF OUR FRIENDS KNEW THAT **SUPERGIRL** IS OUR LINDA, THEY'D **FAINT!**

PRESENTLY, AT THE **WHITE HOUSE** IN WASHINGTON, D.C....

SUPERGIRL, I KNOW YOU'LL USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS NOT ONLY TO FIGHT CRIME, BUT TO PRESERVE PEACE IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD!

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!... I WILL!

AFTERWARD...

SUPERMAN, I'M COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY ALL THESE HONORS! GOODNESS! I...

YOU **DESERVE** THEM! BUT THE GREATEST ACCLAIM OF ALL AWAITS YOU IN THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING BELOW!

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE U.N. BUILDING, **SUPERGIRL** RECEIVES A STANDING OVATION FROM THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER NATIONS...

;CHOKE;... I'M SO... OVERWHELMED! I-I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO **CRY**...

PHYSICALLY, SHE'S THE MIGHTIEST FEMALE OF ALL TIME! BUT AT HEART, SHE'S AS GENTLE AND SWEET AND AS QUICK TO TEARS--AS ANY ORDINARY GIRL! I GUESS THAT'S WHY EVERYONE WHO MEETS HER LOVES HER!

AFTER THE GENEROUS APPLAUSE DIES DOWN...

SUPERGIRL, THIS GOLDEN CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZES YOU TO VISIT ANY U.N. COUNTRY WITHOUT NEED OF A PASSPORT, AND EMPOWERS YOU TO MAKE-ARRESTS!

THANK YOU! I APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE, AND I WON'T ABUSE IT!

SHORTLY, IN **SUPERMAN'S** FORTRESS...

THERE! I'VE HUNG YOUR CERTIFICATE ON THE WALL NEXT TO A SIMILAR ONE THE **UN** GRANTED TO ME PREVIOUSLY!

;GASP!; LOOK INTO THE BOTTLE CITY OF **KANDOR** WITH YOUR SUPER-VISON!

AND AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** LOOKS INTO THE MINIATURE CITY OF **KANDOR** WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN OFF THE PLANET **KRYPTON** AND REDUCED IN SIZE BY SPACE VILLAIN **BRAINIAC**...

GREAT SCOTT! **KANDOR** IS CELEBRATING YOUR HAPPIEST DAY, TOO! THOSE ROCKETS ARE SKY-WRITING A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH!

CONGRATULATIONS SUPERGIRL

THEN... LOOK, **SUPERGIRL**! LIGHTS ARE FLASHING ON THAT GREAT INTER-STELLAR MAP, INDICATING THAT THE WORLDS REPRESENTED BY THE FLASHING LIGHTS WANT OUR ATTENTION!

LET'S STEP OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS AND INVESTIGATE!

SECONDS LATER...

DO YOU SEE WHAT MY TELESCOPIC VISION SEES?

YES! AND I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!

ON VARIOUS WORLDS WHICH HAVE BEEN MONITORING EARTH AND SIGNALED FOR THE SUPER-DUO'S ATTENTION, INCREDIBLE CELEBRATIONS ARE BEING STAGED...

;GASP!; LOOK! ON THE PLANET NYORP, WHERE EVERYONE HAS DUPLICATION POWERS, EVERY LIVING CREATURE HAS TRANSFORMED ITSELF INTO A DUPLICATE **SUPERGIRL** IN MY HONOR! OH, MY! FORTUNATELY, THEIR DUPLICATION POWERS ENDURE FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES!

NEXT, THEY SIGHT ON THE PLANET MRINGA...

THE FLAME-PEOPLE ARE DANCING ABOUT A COLOSSAL STATUE OF ME THEY BUILT! EONS FROM NOW, IF THE ORIGIN OF THE STATUE IS FORGOTTEN, I MAY BE CONSIDERED A **GODDESS!**

SUDDENLY, THE SPACE-SCANNING IS INTERRUPTED BY... **LORI**, **LEMARIS** TELEPATHICALLY CONTACTING **SUPERGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN**! PLEASE LOOK INTO... **ATLANTIS!**

LORI IS THE MERMAID **SUPERMAN** ONCE LOVED IN VAIN! THOUGH SHE MARRIED ANOTHER, THEY'VE REMAINED FRIENDS!

SKYWARD HURTLE **MAN OF STEEL** AND **GIRL OF STEEL**, AND AS THEIR SUPER-VISION PIERCES TOWARD OCEANIC DEPTHS...

DOWN BELOW IS ATLANTIS!

FABULOUS!

THE CELEBRATING ATLANTIDES HAVE CONSTRUCTED A **"SUPER-MERMAID EXHIBIT"**... IN MEMORY OF WHEN I WAS TEMPORARILY TRANSFORMED INTO A **SUPER-MERMAID** BY RED KRYPTONITE!--GOSH, **EVERYONE'S** HONORING THE REVELATION OF MY EXISTENCE ON EARTH!

AMONG THE CELEBRANTS IN ATLANTIS ARE **JERRO**, WHO ADORES **SUPERGIRL**... AND LORI'S SISTER, LENORA, WHO LOVES **JERRO** IN VAIN...

SUPERGIRL WILL BE TOO BUSY SAVING WORLDS TO THINK OF... ME...

NOW I CAN WIN **JERRO!**

BACK ON EARTH...

WELL, YOU'RE NO LONGER MY SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, **SUPERGIRL!** YOU'RE NOW FAMOUS IN YOUR OWN RIGHT! MAY I ADD MY OWN CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ELSE'S?

I OWE EVERYTHING TO YOU! THANKS— **SUPERMAN!**

I MUST GO THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO THE 50TH CENTURY IN THE FUTURE ON A SPECIAL MISSION! KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL WHILE I'M GONE!

I WILL! GOODBYE!

SUPERMAN'S VANISHING INTO THE BARRIER!

HE'S GONE, NOW! FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'LL BE ABLE TO GO INTO ACTION **OPENLY!** GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO PROVE MYSELF **WORTHY** OF ALL THE HONORS I'VE RECEIVED!

LATER, AFTER **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS HOME AND CHANGES TO LINDA, DICK MALVERNE TAKES HER JOY RIDING...

YOU SEEM BORED!

NO! JUST DISAPPOINTED, BECAUSE NOTHING'S HAPPENED LATELY THAT REQUIRES **SUPERGIRL'S** AID!

HOT DOGS

DRIVE IN

SOON, **SUPERGIRL** WILL FACE HER **GREATEST TEST!** WILL SHE MAKE GOOD ON HER OWN, WHILE OPERATING OPENLY... OR WILL SHE DISGRACE HERSELF BY FAILING MISERABLY?!- SEE THE CONCLUDING INSTALLMENT OF THIS ASTOUNDING NOVEL IN THIS ISSUE!

THERE'S A NEW KIND OF SUPERMAN COMING

PART 7 "The INFINITE MONSTER!"

ON A SOUTH PACIFIC ISLE, DURING A SUPER-SECRET EXPERIMENT...

NO RESPONSE YET, PROF. HARTZ!

WE MUST KEEP TRYING, KARL! I'M SURE THIS EQUIPMENT WE'VE DEVELOPED WILL ENABLE US TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER WORLDS!

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE HUT...

LOOK, PROFESSOR! UP THERE! IT LOOKS LIKE A **RIP** IN THE SKY!

LET'S GO OUT AND INVESTIGATE!

SECONDS AFTERWARD...

GIGANTIC, SCALY LEGS, SURROUNDED BY A GLOWING AURA, ARE DROPPING DOWN! THAT RIP MUST BE A SPACE-WARP BRIDGING TWO CO-EXISTING UNIVERSES! OUR INVENTION OPENED THE WARP CAUSING A MONSTER TO DROP INTO THIS UNIVERSE!

WE ONLY SEE LEGS... BECAUSE THE INFINITE MONSTER IS SO INCREDIBLY GIGANTIC THAT OUR EYES CAN'T SEE ALL OF ITS UNBELIEVABLY HUGE BODY! A U.S. NAVAL BATTLE FLEET IS NEARBY ON WAR GAME MANEUVERS! WE MUST WIRE FOR HELP!!

SPEEDILY RESPONDING TO THE WIRED APPEAL, THE FLOTILLA ARRIVES, AND ATTACKS... TO NO AVAIL...

NOTHING HARMS IT! OUR WEAPONS BOUNCE HARMLESSLY OFF ITS PROTECTIVE-AURA! ONLY **SUPERMAN** CAN SAVE US!

SWIFTLY, THE INCREDIBLE NEWS IS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...

PENTAGON?—INFORM **SUPERMAN** WE NEED HIS IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN THIS GREAT EMERGENCY!

MOMENTS LATER, AT A PENTAGON CONFERENCE...

UNFORTUNATELY, **SUPERMAN** CAN'T BE REACHED! EARLIER TODAY, HE INFORMED US HE'D BE TRAVELING INTO ANOTHER GALAXY ON A SPACE MISSION! HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL--**SUPERGIRL!**

SUPERGIRL?! A MERE GIRL HANDLE A MAJOR CRISIS LIKE THIS?!

WHY NOT? SHE HAS ALL OF **SUPERMAN'S** TREMENDOUS SUPER-POWERS! I SAY... **THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERGIRL!**

WE'LL BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO HER OVER ALL RADIO AND T.V. NETWORKS, AT ONCE!

MINUTES LATER, AS DICK MALVERNE LEADS LINDA(**SUPERGIRL**)DANVERS INTO THE MAZE ATTRACTION AT THE **MIDVALE AMUSEMENT PARK**...

PENTAGON CALLING **SUPERGIRL!** INFINITE MONSTER INVADING U.S.!

GEE, THIS MAZE SHOULD BE FUN! LET'S SEE HOW FAST WE CAN FIND THE EXIT!

MYSTIC MAZE

OH-OH! I MUST SLIP AWAY FROM DICK UNSEEN! BUT HOW?

TICKETS

ENTRA

DARTING AWAY FROM DICK INSIDE THE MAZE, LINDA SWIFTLY SWITCHES TO **SUPERGIRL,** THEN...

THERE! I'VE SWIFTLY RE-ARRANGED AND SEALED SEVERAL OF THE MAZE'S ESCAPE-EXITS! IT'LL TAKE DICK AT LEAST AN HOUR TO FIND A WAY OUT! HE'LL THINK LINDA SLIPPED OUT AND LEFT HIM HERE AS A PRANK!!

OUT OF THE OCEAN, AND ONTO LAND, STRIDE THE TITANIC SCALED FEET...

IT'S NO USE! OUR BULLETS CAN'T TOUCH IT!

SHIPPING

EXPORT

MEANWHILE, AS **SUPERGIRL** STREAKS TOWARD THE MENACE... HERE'S WHERE I HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE TO **SUPERMAN** I DESERVED HAVING MY EXISTENCE ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD! GOSH, HOW'LL I HANDLE AN INFINITE MONSTER? HMM! I REMEMBER ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN I WAS PITTED AGAINST AN ASTOUNDING CREATURE!

"ON THE PLANET LONAR, A GREAT BEAST, AWAKENING AFTER CENTURIES OF SLUMBER, TUNNELED UP INTO LONAR'S GREAT CITY. I JUGGLED COLORED GEMS, HYPNOTICALLY PUTTING THE CREATURE TO SLEEP, THEN CAGED HIM..."

BUT WHAT WILL I BE UP AGAINST WHEN BATTLING WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN "INFINITE" MONSTER?... WHAT STRATEGY WILL I USE AGAINST **THIS** TYPE OF FANTASTIC OPPONENT? I WONDER?

MEANWHILE, AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, WHERE **SUPERGIRL** HAD FORMERLY LIVED AS AN ORPHAN IN HER LINDA IDENTITY...

EEE! G-GIANT FEET!

MIDVALE ORPHANAGE

EVERYTHING'S BEING CRUSHED IN ITS PATH! —HOW--TERRIBLE!!

DON'T BE SCARED, MRS. HART! LOOK--HERE COMES THE **SUPERGIRL** WE ALL SAW ON T.V.!

SHE'LL GIVE THOSE BIG FEET A SUPER-HOT-FOOT!

GO GET 'IM, **SUPERGIRL**!

INCREDIBLY GIGANTIC LEGS! I'LL BRING IT DOWN IN A **FLYING TACKLE...!**

BUT AN INSTANT AFTERWARD... ?!--I BOUNCED OFF THAT GLOWING AURA! IT MUST BE AN IMPENETRABLE FORCE-- SHIELD SIMILIAR TO THE ONE USED BY **BRAINIAC**, THE SPACE VILLAIN!

GEE WILLIKERS! DIDJA SEE **THAT?** SHE FAILED TO **STOP** IT!

HOLY MACKERAL! MAYBE **SUPERGIRL** ISN'T ALL SHE'S CRACKED UP TO BE!!

AS SEVERAL GIGANTIC STRIDES OF THE COLOSSAL FEET TAKE THE HUGE INVADER INTO THE **METROPOLIS** STEEL YARDS, **SUPERGIRL** HURLS HERSELF ONCE MORE AT IT DESPERATELY, BUT TO NO AVAIL...

SUPERGIRL CAN'T STOP THAT CREATURE! HOW I WISH WE HAD **SUPERMAN** HERE INSTEAD OF THAT GIRL!

DESPERATELY, **SUPERGIRL** TRIES ANOTHER METHOD AS THE HUGE FEET ADVANCE..

MUST STOP THE DESTRUCTIVE MARCH OF THOSE TITANIC FEET! PERHAPS IF I GRAB HOLD, THEN FLIP IT UPWARD...!

OOOOO.

BUT SO MIGHTY ARE THE COLOSSAL FEET, THAT...

AWP! I'M TRAMPLED UNDERNEATH! LUCKILY, I'M INVULNERABLE, OR I'D BE **SQUASHED!**

I'VE NEVER BEEN UP AGAINST ANYTHING LIKE THIS! I WONDER WHAT **SUPERMAN** WOULD DO IF **HE** WERE HERE?!

AS **SUPERGIRL** PURSUES THE FOE TO **METROPOLIS'** OUTSKIRTS...

MOAN HOW TRAGIC THAT **SUPERMAN** HIMSELF ISN'T HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS! WAS HE UNWISE TO ENTRUST **SUPERGIRL** WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD?

EARTH IS DOOMED!

MY SUPER-HEARING OVERHEARD THOSE DOUBTING REMARKS ABOUT MY ABILITY! I-I'VE GOT TO MAKE GOOD! HMM... I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!

SCRAP METAL

BUILDING A CAPSULE FROM SCRAP METAL, **SUPERGIRL** WRITES A NOTE WITH MATERIALS TAKEN FROM HER CAPE'S POUCH, THEN...

I NEED ASSISTANCE, BUT THE ONE PERSON THAT CAN HELP ME LIVES IN THE DISTANT FUTURE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO CONTACT HIM!

I'M HURLING THE CAPSULE SO SWIFTLY, IT'S VANISHING INTO THE TIME-BARRIER! IT'S STREAKING AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED THAT IT CAN'T BE DESTROYED BY FRICTION WITH THE AIR!

THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER WHIZZES THE MESSAGE CAPSULE...

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EXPERTLY GUIDED BY **SUPERGIRL'S** TOSS, IT EMERGES INTO THE CITY OF **METROPOLIS** 1,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, AND STREAKS NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE "**LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**"...

IS IT A WEAPON?

NO, LIGHTNING LAD! MY MENTAL POWERS SENSE IT'S A MESSAGE FROM SOME ONE WHO URGENTLY NEEDS AID!

POSSIBLY I'M WRONG, BUT I... I **FEEL** IT'S FROM -- **SUPERGIRL!**

IN THAT CASE, SATURN GIRL, I, COSMIC BOY -- WILL LOWER IT GENTLY WITH MY MAGNETIC POWERS!

SHORTLY, AS **BRAINIAC 5**, AN UPHOLDER OF THE LAW, EVEN THOUGH HE IS THE GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON OF SPACE VILLAIN **BRAINIAC**, READS HER MESSAGE...

HOW **GOOD** TO HEAR FROM **SUPERGIRL!** I MET HER ONCE IN THE FUTURE AND FELL IN LOVE WITH HER! I'LL SEND HER WHAT SHE WANTS IMMEDIATELY!

AND SO, IN THE PRESENT, A SPLIT-INSTANT AFTER HER MESSAGE CAPSULE HAD VANISHED FROM VIEW, **SUPERGIRL** SEES...

A SMALL TIME-GLOBE IS MATERIALIZING! **BRAINIAC 5** IS ANSWERING MY REQUEST! MY SUPER-VISION SEES A RAY DEVICE INSIDE WITH A NOTE ATTACHED!

AND AS THE TIME-MACHINE ALIGHTS...

;GASP!; OH, NO! THE **INFINITE MONSTER** STEPPED ON IT, UTTERLY DESTROYING THE TIME-GLOBE AND ITS CONTENTS! WAIT! I'M NOT LICKED YET!

KRUNCHH

INSIDE THE HOVERING OBSERVATION HELICOPTER...

WHAT'S SHE DOING??

SHE APPEARS TO BE CONSTRUCTING A STRANGE DEVICE OUT OF SCRAP METAL, AT SUPER-SPEED! WHAT...?!

INSTANTS LATER... DONE! MY **PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY** AND MY **SUPER-SPEED** ENABLED ME TO RECONSTRUCT THE RAY-MECHANISM **BRAINIAC 5** SENT ME FROM THE FUTURE! FORTUNATELY, MY SUPER-VISION OBSERVED ITS CONSTRUCTION!

NOW TO SHINE **BRAINIAC 5**'S RAY ON THE **INFINITE MONSTER!** AH--IT'S STARTING TO **WORK!** THE COLOSSAL CREATURE IS BEGINNING TO DWINDLE IN SIZE!

MY HUNCH WAS CORRECT THAT **BRAINIAC 5** MIGHT HAVE A **SHRINKING RAY** SIMILAR TO THE ONE HIS ANCESTOR USED IN REDUCING THE KRYPTONIAN CITY OF **KANDOR** DOWN TO MINIATURE SIZE!

SECONDS LATER... SUCCESS! I SHRANK THE INFINITE MONSTER DOWN INTO AN-INFINITESIMAL CREATURE! IT'S SO TINY NOW THAT IT CAN HARM NO ONE!

OFF TO **SUPERMAN'S** ARCTIC FORTRESS FLASHES THE **GIRL OF STEEL...** THE DAMAGE THIS MONSTER CAUSED WAS ACCIDENTAL, AND SO I DON'T WANT TO HARM IT! I'LL PUT IT WHERE IT'LL BE SAFE!

SHORTLY... SATISFIED, GENTLEMEN? YOU'RE EVERY BIT AS RESOURCEFUL AND TERRIFIC AS YOUR COUSIN **SUPERMAN**... CONGRATULATIONS!

SOON, WITHIN THE FORTRESS...

THE CREATURE WILL REMAIN INSIDE THIS BOTTLE, NEAR THE BOTTLE-CITY OF **KANDOR!** IT'LL BE ANOTHER OF THE FASCINATING TROPHIES IN THE FORTRESS!

THERE WAS A NOTE, WRITTEN ON A TAG ATTACHED TO THE **SHRINKING RAY.** WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THE TIME-GLOBE! NOW TO RECALL ITS CONTENTS WITH MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY!

WHAT SUPERGIRL'S MEMORY RECALLS...

Here is the Shrinking Ray you requested, Supergirl! I can't send you a growth ray to enlarge Kandor-- Only my ancestor Brainiac knew how To build that ray... He won't reveal the secret to anyone! Brainiac 5

HOW SWEET OF **BRAINIAC 5** TO HAVE BEEN SO HELPFUL! IT'S AMAZING HOW THE GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON OF SOMEONE AS BLACK-HEARTED AS **BRAINIAC,** COULD BE SO DARLING!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DISTANT FUTURE, AT A MEETING OF THE SUPER-HERO CLUB, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES WATCH THE SCREEN OF THEIR TIME-SCOPE WHICH CAN PEER INTO THE PAST...

I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO AID **SUPERGIRL!**

HOW HAPPY SHE IS TO HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY REVEALED AT LAST!

WELL, FELLOW MEMBERS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO REMOVE THE LEAD PLATE OFF THE BASE OF THIS **SUPERGIRL** STATUE!

NOW THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED TO HIDE THE LETTERING BEHIND THE METAL PLATE FROM **SUPERGIRL'S** VISION WHENEVER SHE VISITS US!

PREVIOUSLY WE USED A LEAD PLATE BECAUSE HER X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE THAT METAL!

MOMENTS LATER...

YEAR OF SUPERGIRL'S ARRIVAL ON EARTH 1959

YEAR SUPERGIRL'S EXISTENCE WAS REVEALED ON EARTH 1962

WE DIDN'T WANT **SUPERGIRL** TO KNOW WHEN HER EXISTENCE WAS REVEALED! IT WOULD HAVE SPOILED **SUPERMAN'S** PLAN TO SURPRISE HER!

MEANWHILE, IN OUR TIME-ERA, AS **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS TOWARD THE U.S....

HMM--THE "RIP" IN THE SKY WHICH WAS A WARP IN SPACE CONNECTING THE TWO CO-EXISTING UNIVERSES HAS HEALED ITSELF! GOOD! THERE'S NO DANGER OF ANY MORE INFINITE CREATURES DROPPING THROUGH AND MENACING LIFE IN THIS UNIVERSE!

SHORTLY, AS THE **GIRL OF STEEL** STREAKS TOWARD THE PENTAGON...

GASP! A 21 GUN SALUTE! AND THE SOLDIERS ARE SALUTING ME! GOODNESS... HOW THRILLING!

PRESENTLY, AT THE PENTAGON....

SUPERGIRL, YOU HANDLED THE **INFINITE MONSTER** EMERGENCY MAGNIFICENTLY! WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU! THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY AT A PARTY IN YOUR HONOR!

SHORTLY, ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN...

YOU'RE AS RESOURCEFUL AS YOU ARE LOVELY, **SUPERGIRL!** THANKS A MILLION!

THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE LOOKS -- GORGEOUS!

I-I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS WONDERFUL PARTY! CONGRESS RECESSED, SO THE LEGISLATORS COULD ATTEND! GREAT SCOTT--L-LOOK WHO'S APPROACHING!

SUPERGIRL, THIS IS A DELEGATION OF CHILDREN FROM MIDVALE ORPHANAGE! THEY'VE COME TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING...

WE ALL CHIPPED IN TO BUY YOU A BOUQUET! WE THINK YOU'RE MARVELOUS!

THANK YOU, **VERY** MUCH!!

;CHOKE;

THIS MEANS MORE TO ME THAN ALL THE OTHER HONORS! LITTLE DO THESE KIDS REALIZE I WAS ONCE ONE OF THEM AT THE ORPHANAGE, IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA!

AS **SUPERMAN** RETURNS FROM THE FUTURE, **SUPER-GIRL** JOINS HIM AT THE FORTRESS IN RESPONSE TO HIS SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC SUMMONS, AND SHE BRINGS...

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S ALL **THIS?!**

GIFTS FROM ADMIRERS! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY HAVING BROUGHT THEM HERE!

AFTER **SUPERMAN** LEARNS HOW THE **GIRL OF STEEL** HAD HANDLED THE MENACE OF THE INFINITE MONSTER...

WELL DONE, **SUPERGIRL!**—AND NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER T.V. ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE WORLD!

SECONDS LATER, ON T.V. SETS EVERYWHERE...

SUPERMAN SPEAKING! I'M PROUD OF THE WAY **SUPERGIRL** HANDLED THAT DIRE EMERGENCY WHILE I WAS GONE! FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO BE A TEAM, SHE AND I...

WHENEVER ONE OF US JOURNEYS INTO THE FUTURE OR THE PAST... OFF INTO OUTER SPACE... OR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD... THE OTHER WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL EARTH!

EARTH'S SECURITY WILL BE STRENGTHENED! HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO ADD, **SUPERGIRL?**

ONLY THAT YOU'RE THE MOST WONDERFUL PARTNER ANYONE EVER HAD! I'LL **ALWAYS** BE GRATEFUL TO YOU!

AFTER THE TELECAST, **SUPERMAN** SWIFTLY BUILDS AN ANNEX TO THE FORTRESS...

HENCEFORTH, WE'LL SHARE THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!** THIS SPECIAL WING IS ALL YOURS! PLEASED?

MORE THAN WORDS CAN POSSIBLY EXPRESS!

LATER, AS **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS TO MIDVALE...

HI, MOM AND DAD!

WELCOME HOME, **SUPERGIRL!**

TO OTHERS, SHE'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE, BUT SHE'S MORE THAN THAT TO US! SHE'S THE DAUGHTER WE DEARLY LOVE!

AFTER **SUPERGIRL** SWITCHES TO HER OTHER IDENTITY...

I'M SO HAPPY! I'M NO LONGER JUST **SUPERMAN'S** EMERGENCY WEAPON! NOW I'M HIS PARTNER! GOLLY, THINGS'LL BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON!

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